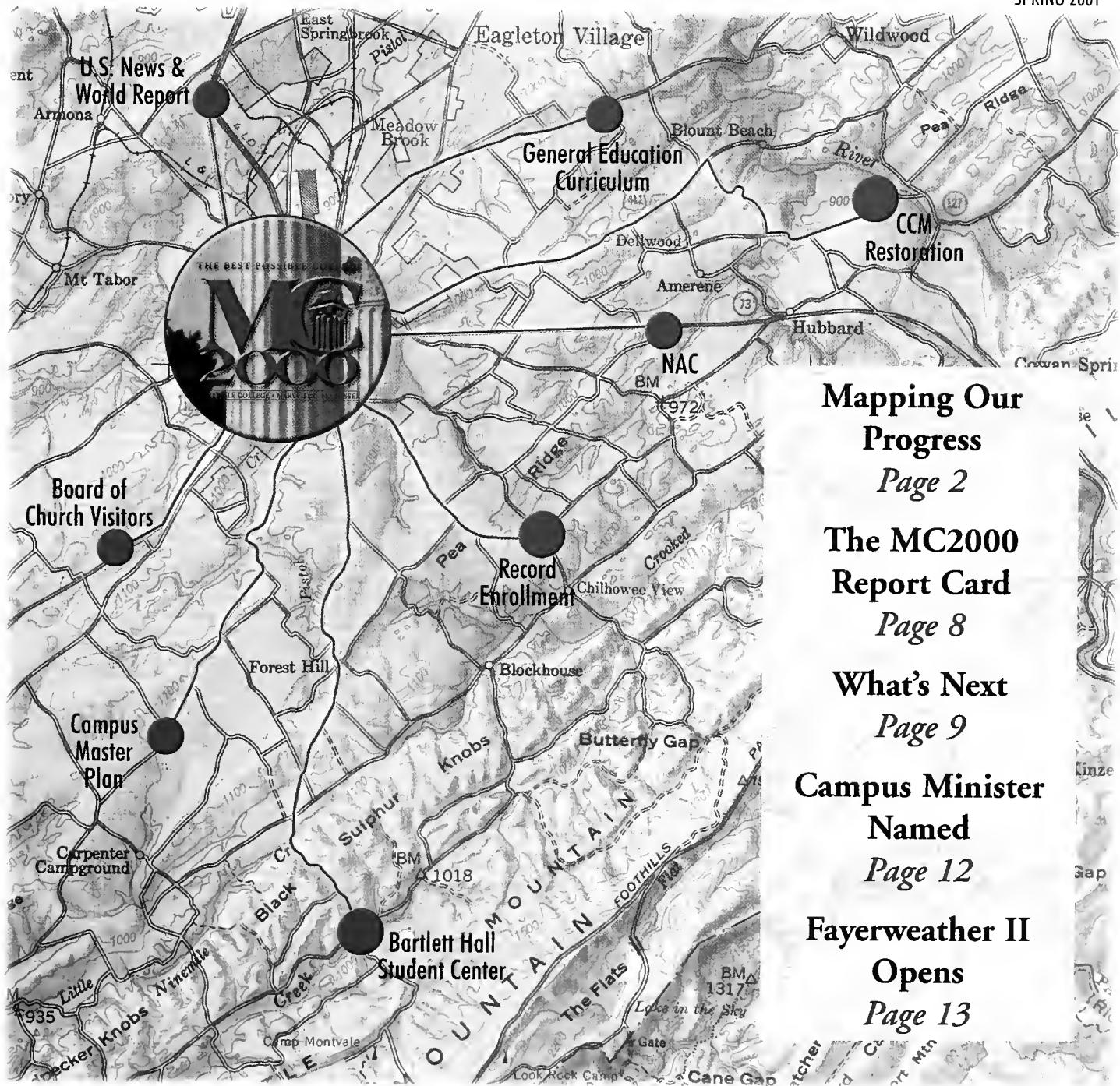


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Greetings *from the Maryville College Campus*

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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How far toward "the best possible college" ideal did Maryville progress during the MC2000 period? In this issue of *FOCUS* you will hear various voices from the MC community answering that question from their own points of view.

From my own vantage point, I take satisfaction and pride in the work done by so many citizens of this college in pursuit of ambitious

MC2000 goals and in what that work has produced.

I can stand at my office window and see clear confirmation of the progress in walks and campus lighting – and in the numbers of students in evidence. I can stroll across the campus of spring 2001 and see new and restored buildings that weren't there in 1994. I can drive down Court Street and see athletic facilities that now represent Maryville well to passersby.

My first view of the Maryville College campus came in December of 1992, when I

drove through it prior to meeting with the presidential search committee. Honesty about that first impression requires me to report a mixture of appreciation and depression. I saw a beautiful natural setting but a series of historic buildings in disquieting condition. I took encouragement from observing that one building, old Carnegie Hall, was being renovated. A good sign, but there was clearly a major challenge represented by the remaining needs of the physical plant alone.

It brings great satisfaction in 2001 to witness the transformation of the physical campus that has taken place during the MC2000 period – and particular satisfaction to see that Bartlett Hall, with crumbling steps in 1992, is now a splendid student center and major asset.

It is not, of course, the physical

campus alone that has been changed by the MC2000 Plan. The student body and faculty and staff ranks have all grown significantly. Academic preparation of students has improved. The financial health of the College has advanced. Great strides have been made in technology for instruction and communication. We have a new Maryville Curriculum that has brought recognition from the Templeton Foundation for its character-building value. The College has been named as a top-10 southern liberal arts college six times by *U.S. News & World Report* and has been included in Peterson's Guide to Competitive Colleges.

Dr. Chad Berry, Elton Jones, Jennifer Cummings West '95, Dr. Bill Meyer and MC Board of Directors Chairman Dick Ragsdale all give you in this issue their observations about this era of change.

Maryville has been blessed during the MC2000 period by an able and dedicated faculty and staff, by a corps of loyal and enthusiastic alumni, by generous benefactors who believe in its mission and by a Board of Directors of exceedingly high quality.

One of Maryville's directors, the late Baxter Lee (with whom I happen to share a great-great grandfather!), gave us the name of our next strategic plan: The MC Window of Opportunity Plan.

"Every college," he said, "has a window of opportunity. If it takes advantage of that window, it goes on to greatness. If it fails to take advantage of the window, it slides back into mediocrity. I believe this is Maryville's window of opportunity."

I believe that, too. I believe that the MC2000 Plan has given us that window, and that we have only to take full advantage of it to go on to greatness. I invite all the readers of *FOCUS* to join us as we move Maryville through that window and into the 21st century.

The best possible? Not yet. But we have surely come a long way - and the journey isn't over.

Bearly W. Wilson



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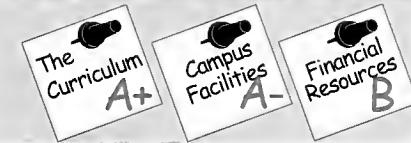
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*Do you know someone deserving
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The privilege of making nominations for any alumni award is given to alumni, past and present, faculty and staff members and friends of Maryville College.

Simply read the descriptions printed below and see which award is most fitting for your nominee. A reply card is printed in the back of this publication. You may fill out the card and drop it in the mail to us or enclose the card in an envelope with other materials (vitae, newspaper clippings, commendatory letters, etc.) that support your nomination.

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An award known as an "Alumni Citation" may be made to any alumnus of Maryville College (alumnus to be defined according to the Constitution of the Alumni Association) who has rendered such service in professional, business, civic, social or religious endeavor as to benefit humankind and bring honor to the College, or who has rendered unusual service in any capacity on behalf of the College.

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An award known as a "Kin Takahashi Award for Young Alumni" shall be given to any alumnus/alumna ("alumnus" to be defined according to the Constitution of the Alumni Association) who has, within 15 years of his/her graduation of Maryville College, lived a life characteristic of College legend Kin Takahashi, who, in his 36 years of living, worked tirelessly for the betterment of his alma mater, his church, and his society.

Wall of Fame

The purpose of the Wall of Fame is to recognize outstanding individuals who have contributed to Maryville College athletics. Recognition is in two categories: "Regular membership" is reserved for those student-athletes who competed for Maryville College, displaying excellence in athletic competition. Nominees for regular membership must be graduates of the College. "Special membership" is granted to those people who have been of outstanding value to the Maryville College Athletic Program.

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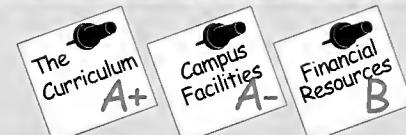
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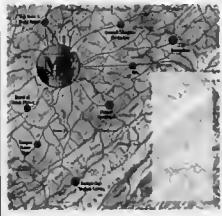
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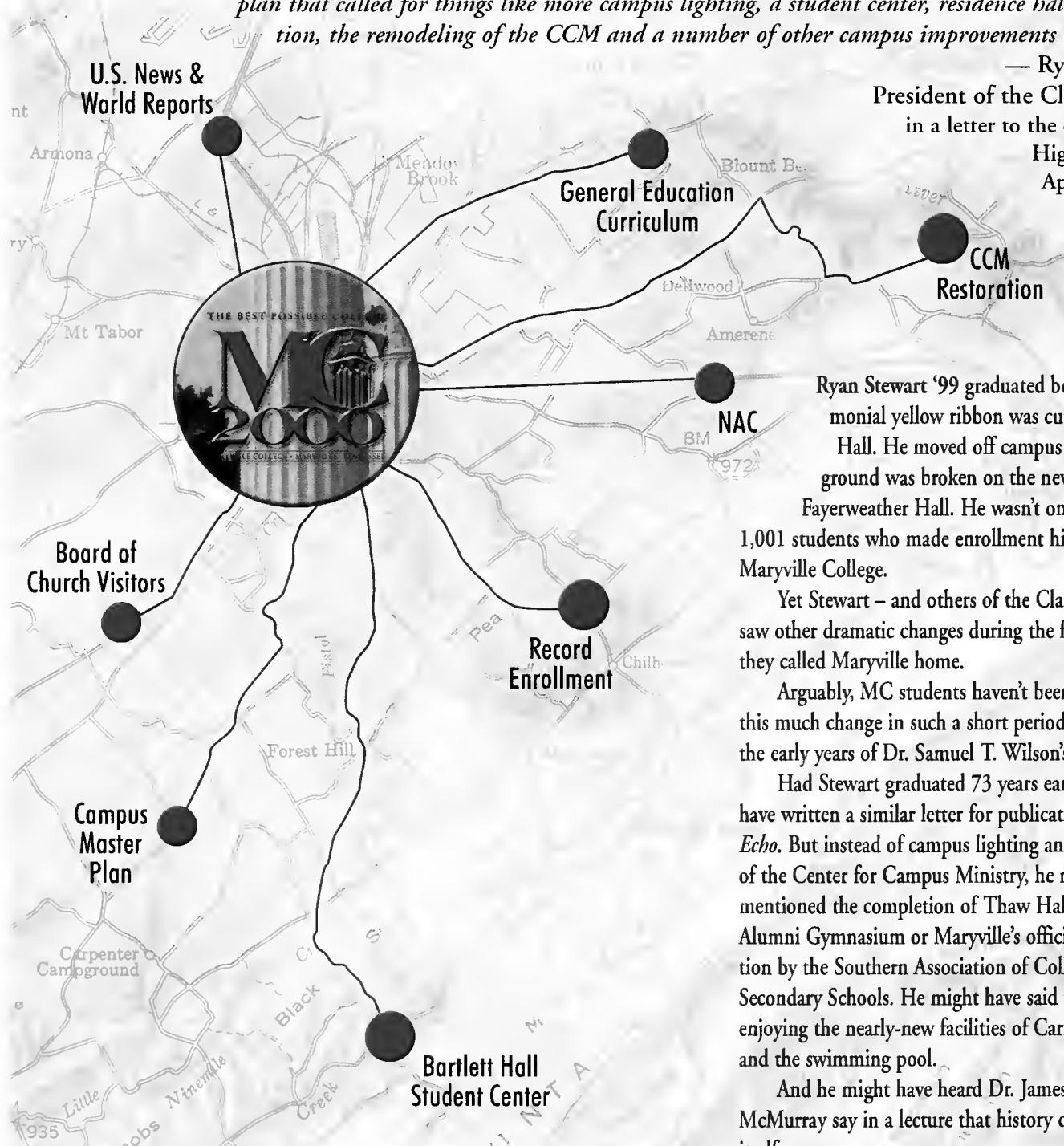
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"Travel with me, if you will, to a time that seems so close, yet so far away: August 30, 1995.

A brief stroll across campus treats your eyes to the rundown tennis courts, the unpainted tower atop Anderson Hall, broken sidewalks and streaks of mildew across the tops of Davis, Copeland, Gamble and Sutton Science Center.

These, to list a few, are things that have changed at Maryville – right before our very eyes. Throughout that year we heard of many things; the largest one that comes to mind: MC2000. A plan that called for things like more campus lighting, a student center, residence hall renovation, the remodeling of the CCM and a number of other campus improvements ..."

— Ryan Stewart,
President of the Class of 1999
in a letter to the editor of the
Highland Echo,
April 27, 1999



Ryan Stewart '99 graduated before the ceremonial yellow ribbon was cut on Bartlett Hall. He moved off campus before ground was broken on the new

Fayerweather Hall. He wasn't one of the 1,001 students who made enrollment history at Maryville College.

Yet Stewart – and others of the Class of 1999 – saw other dramatic changes during the four years they called Maryville home.

Arguably, MC students haven't been a part of this much change in such a short period of time since the early years of Dr. Samuel T. Wilson's presidency.

Had Stewart graduated 73 years earlier, he might have written a similar letter for publication in the *Echo*. But instead of campus lighting and renovation of the Center for Campus Ministry, he might have mentioned the completion of Thaw Hall and a new Alumni Gymnasium or Maryville's official accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. He might have said that he was enjoying the nearly-new facilities of Carnegie Hall and the swimming pool.

And he might have heard Dr. James H. McMurray say in a lecture that history does repeat itself.

Eight Years of Change

The Plan

Before his inauguration as Maryville College's 10th president, Dr. Gerald W. Gibson knew changes would have to take place on campus – and quickly – if Maryville were to survive.

He knew the College had made significant progress during the Vision '94 period and campaign, but he believed momentum had to continue, and he believed the College needed focus.

Almost immediately, Gibson set into motion a course of action for a new strategic plan. Board minutes from Sept. 1993 show adoption of the "Maryville College 2000" planning processes. By his inauguration in October 1993, Gibson already was calling on people to help make Maryville "the best possible college."

The MC2000 period began in 1993, when various campus constituents gathered for aspiration exercises and began asking themselves "What would we like Maryville College to look like in the year 2000?" The period ended in December 2000, when those same constituents evaluated the progress for themselves.

Aspiration exercises revealed that the College needed improvement in 11 areas: reputation, enrollment, students, faculty, staff, curriculum, financial resources, campus facilities, the College community, the College in the external community and the College of faith and learning. Listed under these areas were specific objectives, such as: enrollment of 1,000 students, a new student center, a \$17-million endowment.

Under 11 strategic goals were 60 objectives. No small feat.

Faculty and staff members were pleased with the planning process and resulting MC2000 Plan, which was more specific than Vision 94 and provided quantifiable numbers.

While certainly comprehensive, the MC2000 Plan did have holes.

There were no goals for alumni involvement, few aspirations for Student Development and athletics and no section detailing what the MC Board of Directors would look like, act like or support during the seven years.

The holes concerned Gibson, but he was hopeful that MC2000 successes would have "ripple effects" across a campus that was intertwined in many ways. He had to believe that the entire

College would be positively impacted by the Plan.

The ripples were felt.

The best possible (looking) college

One of the first MC2000 Plan objectives was achieved in fall 1994, when *U.S. News and World Report* ranked Maryville among the 10 best liberal arts colleges in the South.

Members of the Board of Directors celebrated the *U.S. News* recognition with Gibson, but with a tour of campus and an up-close look at deferred maintenance during the October Board meeting, many Board members recognized just how much work was needed to improve first impressions and "curb appeal," which mattered greatly to Gibson – and to prospective students.

In obvious disrepair was Bartlett, but other critical restorations and repairs were needed, as well. Water damage from leaky roofs was common. The Anderson bell tower had missing or damaged slats and needed a new coat of paint. The ornate columns that supported Pearsons and Thaw halls were cracked and, in some cases, appeared gored. Desks, chairs, beds and couches in most residence halls were years beyond their life expectancies.

During a Board retreat in April 1995, Gibson and members took an intensive look at the MC2000 Plan. With the help of a facilitator from the Association of Governing Boards, Gibson outlined major goals and strategies and identified how the Board could help make the Plan successful. The president asked for members' enthusiasm and financial leadership.

Board chairman Dick Ragsdale knew MC2000 would be an ambitious undertaking, but he already had confidence in the new president. Ragsdale was impressed with Gibson's clear impressions of the College – its assets and its needs – and with Gibson's well-organized and specific plan.

Rejuvenated in 1995, the Board's Building and Grounds Committee went to work to prioritize projects enumerated on the long list of maintenance needs. Proposals went to the Planning and Budgeting Advisory Committee, and major work began the following year.

Major improvements were soon seen in the first and second floors of Fayerweather Hall, tapped as a temporary student center. Gifts from the Class of 1946 funded fresh paint, couches and chairs.

Eventually, unused space on the second floor was reclaimed for student publications and Residence Life employees. A fitness center was added to the first floor in 1996.

While supportive of a new student center and interested in goals for enrollment growth and campus diversity, many students grew impatient with conditions of campus facilities. In 1995, *The Highland Echo* featured photographs of rain buckets in the Fine Arts Center hallways, potholes in campus roads and water-damaged walls in the Center for Campus Ministry – all under the headline "the best possible college ..."

The MC2000 capital campaign brought to fruition the most ambitious visions for campus repair and restoration: the Bartlett Hall Student Center and the restored Center for Campus Ministry. Roughly \$7 million was raised for those projects, but during the MC2000 period, several other improvements were made to campus facilities.

A new physical plant building was constructed on the east end of campus, giving maintenance and grounds crews modern office space and storage facilities. When the College celebrated a \$1.75 million Title III grant from the U.S. Department of Education for instructional technology in 1999 (another MC2000 Plan objective), office space was allocated in the new physical plant facility for grant and technology directors.

Title III money proved to be a boost in the arm of faculty morale. With it, new computers appeared on desks and several classrooms were made "smart" by installing Internet-accessible computers, high tech projectors and screens that made PowerPoint and digital videos teaching tools. Furthermore, faculty members had access to quality printers, scanners and other software programs specific to their disciplines. Interested instructors could enroll in on-campus instructional technology workshops and apply for FIT fellowships that allowed for travel and further study as it related to technology.

Less glamorous – but equally important – projects like roof repair, trim painting, pressure washing, campus lighting, sidewalk pouring, furniture replacement and adding ramps and elevators to comply with ADA regulations were checked off under the "Campus Facilities" strategic goal.

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Dr. Chad Berry
Assistant Professor
of History

had no real idea what to expect.

As I drove through the gates of campus that first time, I must confess that I was disappointed. Everywhere I looked, it seemed, there was work to be done.

The Anderson bell tower looked as though it were rusting away. Fresh paint seemed a scarce commodity, since the exteriors of Anderson, Fayerweather, the International House, Parsons, Crawford House and Thaw Hall were peeling like aging onions. Bartlett Hall looked as though it were about to implode. The old tennis courts looked tired and out of place, stuck as they were in prime campus real estate.

As I drove around the ring road, it seemed to me that an advancing film of mildew was poised to overtake the newer dorms and even Sutton Science Center. Sidewalks were a hodgepodge of concrete, asphalt and bare, cattle-like paths. Fluorescent light strips adorned the inside of the CCM.

Celebrating history while making history

Alumni, parents and friends who participated in the first Kin Takahashi Week during the summer of 1997 completed select maintenance projects. The brainchild of Board member Dan Greaser '60 and then Vice President and Treasurer Ron Appuhn, "K.T. Week" revived the spirit of an 1890s-era student from Japan who seemed to live by the motto: "Where there's a will, there's a way."

Takahashi, although long considered a legend of the campus for his spearheading the building of Bartlett Hall, was more frequently discussed. His name rolled off the tongues of MC2000 period students, who shared the Takahashi story in campus tours, student publications and at student gatherings.

With the formation of a committee on the College's spirit and traditions in 1996, student interest in College history increased. Gibson began

Setting out from Indiana for Maryville College and my on-campus interview in 1995, I had had six hours to wonder about, among other things, what the campus would look like. Because these were the days before websites, I

But there were jewels.

Carnegie Hall stuck out like a cocktail dress at a Sadie Hawkins dance. And the natural beauty of the view from Lloyd Beach, coupled with wonderful old cedars, and sugar berries, ash and magnolia trees evoked a strength that comes with age. There were a few brick-lined sidewalks and a few old lighting fixtures that dotted the center of campus.

And I'll never forget how bold I was with Dr. Gerald Gibson during my interview when he asked for my impressions.

"Well," I said, feeling as if I were about to jump out of a cockpit, hoping my parachute were properly packed, "the people inside these buildings are wonderful, but these buildings really need some attention."

To my shock, Gerald was in total agreement, promising that within a few years, the campus would be transformed.

Transformed it has become. New buildings have arisen, new paint has been applied (although still more is needed) and new sidewalks and light fixtures have been installed. Even flowerbeds have been edged and mulched.

Scientists refer to kinesis as the movement of an organism in response to a stimulus. Maryville College has responded to the work of thousands of people just in the time that I've been here, and I am confident that the momentum of progress will continue to propel MC into an even more favorable position in the near future.

using Convocation addresses to tell student bodies of record-breaking numbers the Maryville College story and educate them on historical topics such as the College legends, buildings, and rules.

Just as Kin Takahashi's story intensified during the restoration of Bartlett Hall, so did stories surrounding the CCM during its restoration. And when Fayerweather Hall was struck by lightning in May 1999, students read or heard about – many for the first time – its age, origination as a science building, third-floor addition in 1913 and its namesake, Daniel Fayerweather.

Along with the history of the College, people across campus were thinking and talking about mission.

While acknowledging incredible growth in enrollment, many administrators and faculty members became concerned that more diversity – racial, geographic and socio-economic – was not reflected in the growth.

As fees for tuition, room and board increased from \$15,408 for the 1994-1995 school year to \$21,110 in 1999-2000, the campus consensus was to remain committed to the College's long-standing mission of providing a quality education to those who otherwise couldn't afford it. Maryville's "sticker price" placed it in categories alongside model colleges Centre, Davidson, Wooster, Rhodes and Sewanee, but the College's tuition discount rate soared above the top-tier liberal arts institutions. Gains in net revenue were never quite what administrators hoped for during the MC2000 period.

Frustrations arose when operational budgets did not keep pace with enrollment, and there were many who believed the College and its students would be better served if more students with a higher ability to pay – and less financial need – enrolled.

It was a dilemma not solved in the MC2000 period.

True to the liberal arts

In the long history of the College, faculty staff and administrators had never strayed from its liberal arts roots. When the time came for a revision of the general education curriculum in 1994, members of a task force started with the question "What does a liberal arts graduate look like?" From the answers, a curriculum was adopted that featured more integrated freshman courses and heavier emphases on values, ethics and vocation. Capstone courses developed for the senior year provided opportunities to reflect on and put together the elements of a liberal arts education.

The new general education curriculum was implemented in the fall of 1996. Faculty members reported to the Board that the new curriculum had a rejuvenating effect on professors and instructors. At times calling itself the "guinea pig class," the Class of 2000 sometimes voiced frustration at the kinks and snafus as the first group to experience the new curriculum. As the largest graduating class in MC history, however, the students also took great pride in their collective accomplishments as a class and demonstrated a great affinity for the College.

Students were not the only ones exposed to the liberal arts. In 1996, staff and faculty members enrolled in the first "Liberal Arts Institute." Over several days, staff and faculty learned the history and philosophy behind the liberal arts. Gibson, a self-described "patriot" of the liberal arts, took seriously the need to enlist other patriots in the College ranks.

A changing faculty

While the College enjoyed a positive track record of hiring quality faculty members dedicated to the ideals of the liberal arts, an increase in both teaching positions and starting salaries resulted in the hiring of even more highly qualified faculty members whose doctoral degrees came from Syracuse and Texas Tech and various universities in between. In April of 2000, more than half of the faculty had been employed at the College for five years or less. Orienting new professors to the liberal arts – and to Maryville College – became a priority during the MC2000 period.

The new faculty members seemed enthusiastic about the liberal arts education and close relationships with the students. Many became heavily involved in the College's service-learning initiatives, traveling with students on MOOSE (Maryville Outdoor Outreach Service Experience) trips to national parks in the west and helping organize campus labor for a Habitat for Humanity house.

Salary plans that would bring both faculty and staff into the pay ranges of similar institutions were objectives of the MC2000 Plan. In 1997, a staff compensation plan was approved by the Board, and by the end of the MC2000 period, all staff salaries were significantly above minimum wage. Several positions saw substantial salary upgrades.

The objective for faculty salaries called for wages to be "at or above the means in each rank for all baccalaureate colleges." The College's faculty salaries reached the mean for church-related colleges in 1994, but fell short of the MC2000 Plan goal: to reach the average for all baccalaureate colleges. Salary levels remained at competitive levels, however (third-highest of private colleges in the state), and veteran professors serving on faculty search committees were continually surprised and impressed by the caliber of candidates Maryville attracted for tenure-track positions.

Opportunities for faculty development improved under the MC2000 Plan. The Parker Fund for development grants and professional travel grew, and the Dean Bolden Faculty Travel Fund was established for overseas sabbaticals. Earnings from the Ruth Lloyd Kramer Memorial Fund grew and offered faculty members additional funds for off-campus research. The College's membership within the Appalachian College Association provided additional grant opportunities for faculty development and collaborative research.

A staff development plan was created, budgeted in 1994, but eventually cut. Progress was made in 2000, when the staff development plan was funded

at a higher level.

Different perspectives

Though not directly linked to staff development, some departments on campus did receive advice during the MC2000 Plan. In order to meet the goals of enrollment and fund-raising, Admissions and Advancement contracted with outside consultants for help.

George Dehne, renowned author, lecturer and marketing consultant, was hired to conduct market research and formulate a marketing and positioning theme for Admissions in 1994. A year later, Doug Mason, a partner with Chicago-based Gonser, Gerber Tinker Stuhr LLP consulting firm began working closely with Gibson and the Advancement team.

Mason pushed for strong Board development and involvement, building meaningful relationships with the College's constituents and expanding the circle of friends. Visiting campus for a few days every six weeks, Mason suggested programs and initiatives that began to pay off almost immediately.

The Advancement team began hosting outreach events for alumni, parents and friends in cities across the country. The Alumni Board set its own

goals, and Alumni Board members were called on frequently to explain the various ways alumni could get involved in the life of the College. Class reunions were moved to Homecoming, which improved attendance to the campus in the fall. Alumni Board members volunteered to be present for activities and encourage other graduates to get involved.

During the MC2000 period, alumni present at Homecoming celebrated not just the get-together of old friends, but the dedication of beautiful and functional facilities such as the Beeson Residential Village and the Bartlett Hall Student Center. Spirits ran high during Alumni Weekends.

Members of the Board of Directors became more visible on campus, and their dedication to the College and the MC2000 Plan was rarely in doubt. In 1995, the Board voted to contribute 10 percent of the College's Annual Fund. It became a yearly goal through the MC2000 Period.

Some members committed themselves to specific projects: improving areas like the dining room, providing internships for current students, endowing scholarships for studies abroad.

In expanding the circle of friends, Mason advised college administrators *continued on page 24*



*Dr. Bill Meyer
Associate Professor of
Religion and Philosophy*

Though I was not here at the beginning of MC2000, it is evident that the College has taken fruitful strides in the area of faith and learning over these past eight years.

One of the goals of the plan was to reexamine and rejuvenate our church-related identity as we prepared to enter the new century. We have successfully accomplished this goal in four ways.

First, our new general education curriculum includes not only a required course in biblical studies but also includes a special emphasis on values and vocation in our freshman seminar and senior ethics courses.

Secondly, we held a series of valuable campus-wide discussions about the meaning and future of our church-related identity. The discussions stemmed from Dr. Peggy Cowan's participation in the Rhodes Consultations on the Future of Church-Related College.

Thirdly, we established a Board of Church Visitors, which consists of clergy and lay leaders. The BCV's inaugural meeting was held last Spring, and we value members' input as well as the opportunity to reinvigorate our ties to the Presbyterian Church (USA).

And lastly, Dr. Gerald Gibson commissioned a new Faith and Learning Committee, which was charged with articulating a guiding vision that would entail practical ways Maryville College could live out its church-related identity. The committee submitted its report to the president in December 2000, and in the coming months, faculty members and other College constituencies are expected to discuss the report's suggestions.

Just as the report was being completed, the College was invited by the Lilly Endowment to submit a major grant proposal as part of the foundation's initiative on "Theological Explorations of Vocation." (See page 12 for story.)

Needless to say, such opportunities raise exciting possibilities for the future of faith and learning at Maryville.

the MC campaign...

REAL STORIES AND HAPPY ENDINGS

By Dr. Gerald Gibson

Adapted from "The MC2000 Campaign Story" as delivered during the Founder's Day Celebration, Oct. 14, 2000

The MC2000 Campaign story is one I've lived – not alone – but with a great team of staff and volunteers. The campaign has occupied many hours of our lives. Together we have brainstormed and traveled and drafted proposals and strategized and worried and hoped and endured disappointments and made calls and celebrated successes. Together we have seen ambitious dreams become satisfying reality.

This is a real story with visible outcomes, a good story with a happy ending.

The story starts, not with committees or fundraising, but with the MC2000 Plan. As everyone is probably aware, the MC2000 Plan is the strategic plan developed during the 1993-94 year and approved by the Board of Directors in April of 1994.

This plan was an effort of the Maryville College community – faculty, staff, students, alumni, directors – to shape the future of the College in a very purposeful way. Dreaming, planning and acting – these are the three steps to progress that we have followed.

We began with what I called aspiration exercises. I invited a wide variety of constituent groups to dream about Maryville College as they wished it to be in the year 2000. Out of those dreams came a set of "directions statements," which were brief narrative descriptions of where the College

proposed to go over the next six years.

Organized under 11 headings – reputation, enrollment, students, faculty, staff, curriculum, financial resources, campus facilities, the College community, the College in the external community, and a college of faith and learning – I presented these directions statements to the Board of Directors in January 1994. Members gave enthusiastic endorsement.

From there we developed sets of specific goals to accompany the directions statements, and in April 1994 the Board approved these to give the final MC2000 Plan that has served as our guide over these six years.

At this point, we had the dreaming and planning checked off. It was time then for acting. We knew

where we wanted to go; we knew what we wanted to accomplish. But a lot of work remained to be done to get Maryville College to the year 2000 condition that we had dreamed of.

The MC2000 Plan included 60 goals. Many of these would require mostly will and work, but some would require substantial funding. That's

where the MC2000 Campaign came in. The Advancement and Finance Committees of the Board of Directors held a joint meeting and determined that a campaign should focus on a few, high-priority goals. These would be the creation of a new student center for students, the restoration of the Center for Campus Ministry, growth of the endowment of the College and the sustaining of an ambitious Annual Fund during the campaign period.

The original campaign fundraising goal approved by the Board of Directors was \$14 million.

There were generals who answered the

call to lead the MC2000 Campaign. Their names are on the rosters of the MC2000 Campaign Steering Committee and Campaign Council. Let me note, though, that the five-star general who headed the Steering Committee was Fred Lawson. What a great leader he proved to be! Fred's perceptiveness, knowledge and enthusiasm were all tremendous assets that were instrumental in achieving the ultimate victory.

That's not to say that victory came easily or swiftly. Board Chairman Dick Ragsdale and I put in a few miles by plane and car to call on out-of-town directors and get things going during that first year of the campaign. Fred Lawson and other members of the Steering Committee accompanied me on

visits to local directors. Rachel and I joined Advancement staff members for gatherings with alumni and friends in Atlanta and San Francisco and Phoenix and Washington, D.C., and Tampa and Los Angeles and other locations around the country.

The BankFirst boardroom became the "war room" for the Steering Committee. We met there for hours to review lists of prospects, agree on additional prospects, talk about strategies and get reports on progress toward campaign goals.

On some afternoons in the war room there was elation, as a committee member brought a report of a large gift secured or an encouraging response from a prospective donor. On some afternoons there was discouragement, as we learned that a prospective donor had declined to support the campaign or had made a smaller-than-anticipated gift. On some afternoons, we experienced both emotions within a few minutes of each other.

Honesty requires we admit that the campaign



Thermometer signs, like this one at the Center for Campus Ministry, kept campus constituents and visitors abreast of fund-raising progress toward bricks and mortar projects during the MC2000 Campaign.



Ryan Stewart '99 presents Dr. Gerald Gibson with a check for \$5,985. The money, given by the Class of 1999, went to purchase materials and supplies for sidewalk construction between Beeson Village and Fayerweather.



After more than a year of viewing architect's renderings of the new student center, reality replaced dreams in 1999, when ground was broken and a new addition rose where a parking lot was once located.

goals seemed large and distant in the early days. But Campaign Director Anna Graham kept the numbers before us, and in time clear progress could be read in her reports.

The time came when it was clear that the endowment growth goal of \$2.2 million would be surpassed. With the Board's approval, the overall goal was increased from \$14 million to \$16 million, and we continued with fundraising.

The endowment front was moving well, but by 1998, we were unquestionably bogged down on the Bartlett Hall Student Center front. Over the entire year only about \$200,000 came in against the \$6.3-million goal. A lot was at stake; the Kresge Foundation (from whom we hoped to secure an award of \$500,000), required evidence of good progress toward that goal. Movement was slow, indeed, as we held a Knoxville gathering in April to show the MC2000 Campaign video and talk about progress and needs with alumni and friends. At the end of the evening, **Harold Lambert '50** asked me, "Will you be in your office tomorrow morning?"

When we met the next morning, Harold told

me, "Jean and I want to see this thing happen." Harold's and Jean's \$1 million commitment was just what the doctor ordered.

On June 17, Kresge notified us that a \$500,000 grant was on its way – provided we were successful in raising the remaining \$1.9 million that would be needed to build the new student center. That incredible gift from the Lamberts seemed to inspire other donors, and the needed gifts began to come in.

The MC2000 Campaign has given me many wonderful memories, but this was the biggest single turning point. The \$1 million commitment that Harold and Jean made to the Bartlett Hall Student Center project produced a surge toward the finish line and provided inspiration and confidence in a victorious outcome.

Other wonderful moments came when Dick and Anne Ragsdale made the first \$1 million commitment to the campaign, when Baxter and Sherri Lee pledged \$500,000, when the Thompson Charitable Foundation gave a \$300,000 boost to the student center drive and when the Lucille Thompson Foundation's \$300,000 gift took us over the top and assured the Kresge gift.

I wish there were space here for me to go on listing names, for success wasn't the result of 6- and 7-figure gifts alone. There were altogether 1,412 gifts for the capital projects, most of them modest in size, but adding up to victory.

Be assured that we who gathered for those BankFirst meetings are deeply grateful for every single person and every single dollar that produced the new Bartlett Hall Student Center, the restored Center for Campus Ministry, the growth

in endowment and the resounding Annual Fund attainments over the four years of the MC2000 Campaign. I am sincere when I say that it is truly impossible to express that gratitude adequately.

Well, that's the story, except for the ending. At the final meeting of the Steering Committee and Campaign Council in the BankFirst conference room, we looked together at the final official report on the MC2000 Campaign.

On the Bartlett Hall Student Center project, we had gifts and pledges totaling \$6,750,094.

On the Center for Campus Ministry restoration, the total was \$701,541.

Endowment growth came to \$5,341,939.

And the Annual Fund total was \$8,241,020.

On the bottom line, where the goal had been increased a second time along the way, the grand total came to \$21,034, 595, putting the Campaign as a whole at 118 percent of the revised goal. And this was all "real money" – real gifts and pledges, not deferred gifts.

The story of the MC2000 Campaign is over. We celebrate all it has produced and all those who made it a success.

But the story of Maryville College is not over. We have more to do.

We are already at work on fundraising for what we're calling the MC2000 Plus Projects and initiatives that promise to transform this campus further. We're already at work to develop the next strategic plan. It will be called the "MC Window of Opportunity Plan," and that plan will build on the accomplishments of the MC2000 period, on the foundation that many alumni, parents and friends have provided.

May God bless all of those who helped during the last six years, and may His blessings follow this College into the new millennium.

I served on the College's Board of Directors back in 1994 when it approved the MC2000 Strategic Plan. Never could I have imagined then how this innocent compilation of words and aspirations would impact my future.

This was also about the time that I elected to take early retirement from my previous employer. President Gibson declined my offer to resign from the Board to make room for somebody else. A few days later, he asked about my plans, which were not yet certain.

Surprise, surprise! Gerald had a plan—one that did, after all, involve my resigning from the Board and then joining the College fundraising staff. These last six years have been incredibly rewarding, occasionally frustrating, definitely challenging, and a wonderful learning experience.

In no special order, here are a few thoughts that come to mind as I reflect

on the successful conclusion of the MC2000 Capital Campaign. I am grateful:

- To Richard Ferrin for getting Dick Ragsdale involved with MC.
- To the late Harwell Proffitt for inviting Fred Lawson to join the Board.
- To Mr. and Mrs. Ragsdale for the first seven-figure campaign commitment.
- To Harold and Jean Lambert for the second – it made a dream come true.
- To dedicated faculty and staff who make Maryville College the exceptional, beloved place that it is.
- To all my associates in Advancement. Successful homecomings and record-breaking fundraising are not automatic, but you make it appear that way.
- To every donor for every gift, and to every volunteer, especially Fred Lawson, Chair of both the Advancement Committee and the Campaign Steering Committee, for great leadership and for truly "expanding the circle."

It will be thrilling to see where the next plan takes this very special place of learning!

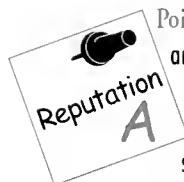


Elton Jones
Assistant to the President

MC2000 Receives High Marks from College

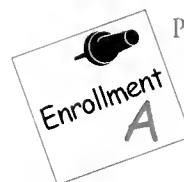
Various groups of "stakeholders" – faculty, staff, vice presidents, alumni and community members – recently gathered on campus for collaborative grading exercises.

For every strategic goal of the MC2000 Plan, a directions statement detailed overall visions. Below is the consensus grade of progress made on those directions statements, as determined by people participating in the grading exercises. (Key: A = Goals met or nearly met; B = Significant progress; C = Some progress; D = Little progress; F = No progress.)



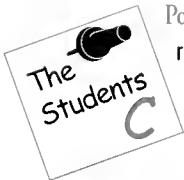
Points of Pride: Recognition by U.S. News & World Report's annual college rankings; better media coverage in local markets.

Still needing work: The development of a specific message and marketing plan that accurately portrays Maryville's distinctive features.



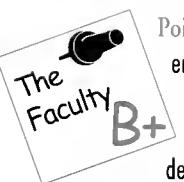
Points of Pride: The total enrollment of 1,001 in the fall of 1999.

Still needing work: Retention issues; recruitment of more part-time students and adult learners.



Points of Pride: Retention rates for the freshman class; recruitment of students with stronger academic backgrounds.

Still needing work: Financial aid funds to ensure a diverse student body; increasing and improving the promotion of student achievement.



Points of Pride: Recruitment of faculty members who are enthusiastic about the liberal arts; maintenance of low student-teacher ratio.

Still needing work: Salary plans; a first-rate faculty development plan.



Points of Pride: Recruitment of staff members who are enthusiastic about the liberal arts; development of staff compensation plan.

Still needing work: A first-rate staff development plan; improved promotion of staff achievements, involvement.



Dick Ragsdale, Chairman
MC Board of Directors

Ask Dick Ragsdale what he wishes the College could have achieved during the MC2000 period, and he mentions – first – the unbelievable strides Maryville College has made since 1993.

Improvements in reputation. More students. Curriculum revision. Deferred maintenance.

Ragsdale, who brought his son **Kevin Ragsdale '93** to campus in the late 1980s as a freshman, walks around campus today and physically sees the differences. And as chairman of Maryville College's Board of Directors since 1992, he sees the differences on paper.

But as a businessman and CEO, Ragsdale also knows what "robust fiscal health" means. And the College isn't there, he said, despite a successful MC2000 Capital Campaign that resulted in more gifts to the College's endowment, continuing support for the Annual Fund and money to fund much-needed deferred maintenance projects like Bartlett Hall and the Center for Campus Ministry.

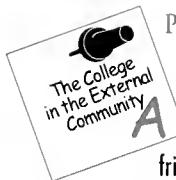
"We're not quite robust," Ragsdale said. "The College's budgets are tight, and we depend significantly on annual fundraising. We need an endowment of about \$100 million."

(Currently, the College has a market-value endowment of \$24 million – up \$10 million since 1993.)

Ragsdale said he wishes the College could

Points of Pride: Growth of on-campus residence population; improvements in community-building initiatives with the reopening of Bartlett Hall.

Still needing work: Implementation of regular, campus-wide town meetings; full realization of the MC Covenant.



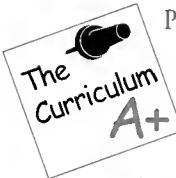
Points of Pride: Greater student involvement in community service; improved town-gown relationship.

Still needing work: A model program of internships, practica and employment opportunities with help from friends and alumni.



Points of Pride: The restoration and expansion of Bartlett Hall for use as a student center; the restoration of the Center for Campus Ministry; a fully integrated computer system and a state-of-the-art instructional technology center.

Still needing work: Improvements to the Fine Arts Center; resources for deferred maintenance; campus landscaping plan.



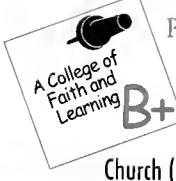
Points of Pride: Implementation of a new and distinctive General Education curriculum; the creation of a Liberal Arts Institute to orient new faculty and staff to the liberal arts.

Still needing work: A comprehensive advising program.



Points of Pride: 12 successive years of operation in the black; endowment growth that reached and surpassed goal.

Still needing work: Dependence on tuition revenue and unrestricted gifts; increased budgets for instruction and academic support.



Points of Pride: Educational experiences that explain the Christian tradition; an atmosphere of diversity and freedom in expression of spirituality and faith.

Still needing work: Support from the Presbyterian Church (USA); the College's support for churches.

have made major improvements to other facilities on campus (namely, the Fine Arts Center) during the MC2000 period, adding that he's hopeful those projects will "get a good, hard look" in the next strategic plan and campus master plan.

"The CCM and [Bartlett Hall] Student Center exceeded our hopes," he said. "Before the renovation, the CCM was dark and had paint peeling off the walls. I think that project turned out beautifully. What architects did with the student center preserved the character of the building and gave us a wonderful facility inside."

"I would like to have endowed maintenance so that continual, regular maintenance is performed on all of our facilities," he said. "Of course, almost all of our initiatives require funding."

Next Strategic Plan Already in the Works

Work has already begun on a plan that will guide Maryville College into the new millennium. A strategic planning committee, co-chaired by Vice President and Dean Dr. Nancy Sederberg and Professor of Chemistry Dr. Robert Naylor, was formed last year.

Several campus groups met last fall for SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats) analyses.

The name for the new strategic plan – “The MC Window of Opportunity Plan” – came from the late



MC Window of Opportunity

Baxter Lee, a former member of the MC Board of Directors who believed the College was poised on a windowsill of greatness and should take advantage of the momentum and opportunities provided by the MC2000 Plan.

Five theme commissions have been formed to develop over-arching goals of the new strategic plan. These commissions will evaluate the educational experience, faculty and staff, students and the college environment, resources for excellence and outreach and partnerships. Five “weaver” commissions focused on community, diver-

sity, faith and mission, stewardship and technology will ensure that broad-based themes are integrated into all of the goals.

“This is an exciting time for Maryville College,” said Maryville College President Dr. Gerald W. Gibson. “The MC2000 Plan has given us our window of opportunity, and we are poised to take full advantage of it. Goals set during the MC Window of Opportunity Plan are to assure that the College captures the moment and reaches new heights of accomplishment and reputation.”

The first commission meetings were held April 27-28, coinciding with a kick-off dinner. Subsequent meetings are scheduled for June 15 and Sept. 27-28.

“MC2000 Plus” Will Fund Needed Enhancements, Improvements

In April of 2000, the College community began work on a new strategic plan that will develop goals and objectives leading to the next major fundraising campaign. The Board of Directors, however, recently authorized the fundraising for three very specific projects related to the MC2000 Plan. Dubbed the “MC2000 Plus Projects,” these fundraising initiatives hope to capitalize on the momentum built through the MC2000 Campaign.

The overall goal for the MC2000 Plus Projects is approximately \$4 million and plans call for raising the money by the end of 2002.

Fayerweather Hall Enhancements

The fire of May 23, 1999, left many people on campus wondering if the College would ever recover from such a tragedy. Intense negotiations with the College’s insurance provider netted a \$5.7 million settlement, forming the basic budget for rebuilding Fayerweather. But after a thorough study by the College’s architects, it became clear that additional funds would be needed to complete the building to fulfill current needs.

Currently, approximately \$345,000 has been raised on a \$500,000 goal. More than \$200,000 has been given or pledged to the Harwell W. Proffitt Boardroom, which will be located on the top floor of the new building.

“The Harwell Proffitt Boardroom is going to be unbelievable,” noted Mark Cate, Vice President for College Advancement. “We’ve had so many folks get behind this project because of their love and appreci-

ation for Harwell. He truly was a great man.”

Board Chairman Dick Ragsdale and his wife Anne joined MC2000 Campaign Chair Fred Lawson and his wife Sharon in providing \$100,000 to fund the President’s Suite. The Admissions offices and a technologically savvy tiered classroom are also on the list of projects in need of funding. Diane Humphreys-Barlow ‘70 has pledged \$50,000 toward the Admissions Office project.

A special “brick campaign” is being planned so that interested donors will have an opportunity to buy and personalize a brick for commitment of \$1,000, payable by the end of 2001. Money raised from the brick campaign will be used for furnishings, equipment and to begin an endowment for building maintenance.

Campus Beautification and Improvement Plan

Last year, Ruby Tuesday’s provided funding for the development of a landscaping plan. The plan, which had heavy input from campus constituents and the local community, was later merged with the College’s 1997 master plan to capture the major landscaping, roadwork and infrastructure needs most pressing. The Campus Beautification and Improvement Plan (CBIP) has an approximate \$3 million price tag and could take a couple of years to implement depending on funding.

“In my opinion, this is without a doubt our most pressing capital need,” said President Gerald Gibson.



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“We have made major progress on our physical plant in the past five years and most of the buildings are looking great. But we must get the grounds and roadways looking good as well.”

While helping to create a more aesthetically appealing environment for current students, faculty and staff, the plan is targeted more at improving the “first impressions” that directly impact student recruiting.

Fine Arts Music Hall

The future of the Fine Arts Center and Wilson Chapel are major issues to be dealt with in the new strategic planning process. But until that can be determined, the Board noted the need to raise money for basic improvements to the Music Hall in the FAC.

The Music Hall gets much use from both on and off campus constituents. Concerts, lectures, community forums as well as local community meetings frequently occur in this 51-year-old building. Fundraising will focus on basic renovations like seating, flooring, lighting, disability access and restrooms. The fundraising goal is \$500,000.

For more information regarding any of the MC2000 Plus Projects, please contact Mark Cate at (865) 981-8199.

Alumni...Participate to Help Break a Record!

The Maryville College Alumni Association's Executive Board is hoping 2000-2001 will be a banner year for the College's Annual Fund.

Board members set a goal of 50 percent participation among alumni in support of the College. A record 46.1 percent of all alumni contributed last year, but Board President Tim Topham '80 and others would like to see the record shattered.

"The Annual Fund is a critical component to the ongoing successes of the College," said Ned Willard, Director of Development. "Year in and year out the College seeks support from alumni, parents and friends to offset the cost of attendance for current students."

A student paying the tuition "sticker price" and receiving no financial aid to attend Maryville pays only two-thirds of the actual costs. The remaining one-third comes from alumni and friends through fundraising efforts. Add to this the fact that more than 90 percent of MC students receive scholarships and grants to make college more affordable, and one can see that support from all constituents is needed to meet the demands of a quality education.

Participation from all of Maryville's constituents is important, but alumni participation carries significant weight. *U.S. News & World Report*, which annually ranks colleges and universities, considers support from alumni when calcu-

lating overall rankings. In last year's report, Maryville College finished fourth in alumni giving among all colleges in the southern regional liberal arts area.

"Alumni participation has obviously helped us maintain our prominence as a 'top 10' Southern regional liberal arts college in U.S. News," Willard said.

Support of alumni for the MC2000 Campaign and the bricks-and-mortar projects included in that fundraising effort has been significant, Willard added, but donors cannot forget the Annual Fund.

"We celebrated some great successes with the recent renovations of our Center for Campus Ministry and Bartlett Hall and the growth of our endowment," he said, "but without a strong base of support for the Annual Fund, we would be unable to provide the quality instruction, programs and services that are offered in those buildings."

With the May 31 end-of-fiscal-year deadline looming, alumni can make their gift through the Internet. On-line giving provides a safe, secure and immediate way to participate in the Annual Fund.

Other options include sending gifts before May 31 or calling Advancement staff members (865/981-8200) who can process a credit card gift over the phone. Remember, unpaid pledges will not count when the final figures are tallied.

50%

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On-line Giving...

Make Your Donation Now

It's a SNAP!

Colleges around the nation have implemented safe, secure ways to allow donors to make gifts online, and Maryville College is pleased to offer alumni, parents and friends the same opportunity to support the College via the Internet, said Director of Development Ned Willard.

Making a gift through the MC website is convenient, and makes an immediate impact. It eliminates the need for pledge reminders or phone calls.

"Just like phonathon and direct mail appeals, on-line donations allow supporters to designate their support to specific areas," Willard said.

Selection of a web-based company that could provide security of constituent's credit card number was of utmost importance, Willard said.

All on-line gifts are protected by VeriSign, a company that encrypts card numbers to ensure the privacy and protection of credit card information.

"While we will continue to make appeals through student callers during our phonathon campaign and by sending direct mail, we look forward to the new possibilities that this creates," Willard added.

To make a gift on-line, check out www.maryvillecollege.edu. On the alumni page, click on "Making a Gift." Instructions follow.



Helen Bruner

Bruner is Director of Alumni, Parent Relations

Helen Bruner didn't graduate from Maryville College, but she has long felt a part of the MC family.

As the daughter of Lottie Lavender

Dean '47, Bruner says she understands the history and tradition of the College, and is looking forward to her new position in Willard House as director of alumni and parent relations.

Bruner began working at the College as director of annual giving back in October 2000.

Enumerating teamwork, sharp students and constituents' shared commitment to the College and its mission, Bruner said she has been impressed in the last seven months.

A graduate of the University of Tennessee, the new director has a history of work with several non-profit boards and civic clubs, including East Tennessee Children's Hospital, the Knoxville Civitan Club, Knoxville Junior League and local chambers of commerce.

"I think this job is important because we want the alumni to feel like they continue to be a part of the school and hopefully, they will want to be a part of what is happening on campus,"

she said.

Bruner said she is looking forward to working with parents, as well.

"As a parent of two college graduates, I remember how much I enjoyed parent activities on campus," she said. "I think it is very important to have the parents involved as much as possible."

Mark Cate, vice president for college advancement, said he is pleased to have Bruner assume the job.

"Helen has many connections to MC and a true love for the school," he said. "She has a warm and fun-loving personality that I think will be well received by our alumni and parents."

Alumna Remembers Service on MC2000 Committee

By Jennifer McCafferty Grad '94

As a student representative on the MC2000 Steering Committee in 1993, I was not very clear what my role would or should be.

I recall going into the first meeting completely intimidated and sure that the other committee members, mostly faculty and administrators, would have a fairly uniform view of the future of MC. Moreover, since most of the committee, myself included, had not worked closely with Dr. Gerald Gibson yet (he had only been inaugurated that fall), I remember being a bit unsure at how we would interact as a group. The first meeting was essentially a no-holds-barred brainstorming session the likes of which I had never experienced.

In contrast to my pre-conception of a uniform view for the College, as I left the meeting, I was not certain that we would ever reach a consensus. It was clear, however, that this committee was charged with an amazing responsibility: to steer the College into the next century.

Two aspects of the MC2000 planning process have stayed with me since that year and still stand out as the most inspiring parts of the process. First is the fact that a student was able to participate in the process at all. I did not feel as if I was a token student representative. I was never asked to leave the room when potentially sensitive matters arose; I was truly an equal member of the committee. I had responsibilities to write sections for discussion and was expected and encouraged to offer my perspective on any topic. Faculty, administrators, staff and board members alike solicited my opinion on obvious matters like student life issues as well as more delicate topics like scholarship allocations and overall fiscal goals.

Many times I have heard the phrase "the Maryville College Community." Participating in the MC2000 planning process provided me with tangible evidence of the place students hold at MC. Although MC students are probably still concerned about rising tuition costs and insufficient scholarship monies, I hope that they also realize the dedication of the staff, faculty and administrators to address student concerns and ensure that students are actively involved in the governance processes of the College. In that sense, MC enjoys a rare and precious community that requires patience and understanding on all sides.

The second aspect of the planning process that continues to resonate with me is the leadership of Dr. Gibson. When the MC2000 Steering Committee first met, few people had had the opportunity to work closely with Dr. Gibson. Since the former president left rather abruptly, the College community needed a steady hand to take the helm.

From the beginning, Dr. Gibson displayed true vision for the

future while continually offering links to the rich history of our College through anecdotal references to past presidents. One theme in particular began to shape our shared goals, namely to make MC "the best possible college." Dr. Gibson guided the committee to be mindful of MC's strong tradition of stewardship. This concept of stewardship and the challenge to be skillful stewards of our resources – be they financial, human, or otherwise – pervaded the MC2000 Plan in the early stages.

The MC2000 planning process was a huge undertaking with outcomes that could not always be anticipated. From a student's perspective the renovation of Bartlett Hall as a new student center was central to the growth of the College and the MC2000 Plan. Many students did not believe enrollment would reach the projected 1,000

students without a student center.

While on campus for my class reunion in 1999, I had the chance to witness the incredible growth since my graduation. The construction of Beeson Village, the renovation of the CCM and the restoration of Bartlett are true testimonies to the strength of the MC community.

All in all, taking part in the MC2000 planning process was an incredible experience for me, almost like a personal capstone to my MC education. The strategic planning process was a real life lesson about setting goals and attaining them. As a community, we were charged with taking stock of where we were as an institution, forming a consensus about where we wanted to be and formulating a strategy on how to get there. Few undergraduate institutions offer such opportunities to their students, and MC can be proud of maintaining a heritage of setting the standard for trends in higher education.



Jennifer McCafferty Grad '94

Lilly Endowment Awards MC Planning Grant

The Lilly Endowment of Indianapolis, Ind., named Maryville College a recipient of a \$46,100 planning grant. The grant, awarded in mid-January, is currently funding the research and planning for an implementation grant proposal that could translate into an award worth between \$500,000 and \$2 million.

The Lilly Endowment is a private philanthropic foundation that supports the causes of religion, education and community development. Colleges and universities are selected and invited to submit proposals for grants to fund the foundation's specific initiatives.

The Lilly Endowment's invitational grants program in which MC administrators hope to be included – "Programs for the Theological Exploration of Vocation 2001" – seeks to "identify and nurture a new generation of highly talented and religiously committed leaders," stated Christopher Coble, religion program director of the Lilly Endowment, in a letter to MC President Dr. Gerald W. Gibson.

"We seek to support selected colleges and universities in establishing or strengthening programs that (1) assist students in understanding their future work in light of their faith commitments and in terms of vocation, (2) identify talented young people and provide them with opportunities to explore ministry, either lay or ordained, as their life's work, and (3) enhance a school's capacity to draw on the resources of its mission, heritage and religious tradition in preparing a new generation of leaders for church and society," Coble wrote.

Dr. Bill Meyer, associate professor of religion

and philosophy at MC, has been named project director of the grant proposal. **Melanie Rasnake '00** has been named project assistant.

Maryville was one of 35 colleges and universities across the country, and one of only two institutions located in Tennessee, invited to participate in the Lilly Endowment's second round of grant applications. Duke University, the University of the South, Wake Forest University, College of the Holy Cross and other similar institutions were all awarded planning grants in January.

The \$46,100 planning grant is funding collaborative meetings, outside consultants and investigative travel, according to Meyer.

"This money provides us with the resources to put together a comprehensive proposal for the implementation grant," he said. "We hope to put together a proposal that will be fitting to our mission and effective in helping meet the goals of the Lilly Endowment."

Meyer said he believed the "inner calling" of ministers was important, but added that the "outer call" is important, as well.

"'Calling' is the idea of viewing one's work as serving the public good; 'career' is more of a private connotation," he explained. "We do that kind of reflection – finding one's calling in life – in our freshman seminar courses and then in the senior ethics course.

"We can influence the lenses through which students view their future work," he said.

Proposals are due Sept. 1, 2001. Notification of grant proposal acceptances are expected Dec. 1, 2001.

Campolo is February Meetings Speaker

Dr. Tony Campolo speaks with a student after his final presentation during MC's February Meetings held Feb. 20-21.



Dr. Tony Campolo, popular author, professor, ordained Baptist minister and social evangelist, was the guest speaker for MC's February Meetings, held Feb. 20-21 on the campus.

The theme of February Meetings was "Engaging Students in the Year 2001."

To packed audiences in the Fine Arts Center Music Hall, Campolo challenged students, faculty and staff members and members of the community to reject the consumer-driven world and to "commit [themselves] to that which is significant."

Detailing stories of his mission work in Third World countries, Campolo told people in attendance that being a Christian and following Jesus Christ meant responding to the needs of the poor and oppressed.

"Let your heart be broken by the things that break the heart of Jesus," he told the audience gathered for the Feb. 21 lecture. "Be instruments of radical change and agents of transformation."



Rev. Anne D. McKee

On June 1, the Maryville College community will welcome the Rev. Anne D. McKee as campus minister. McKee fills the position vacated by the former chaplain, the Rev. Stephen Nickle, who left in May 2000 to assume the chaplaincy at Trinity University in Texas.

As campus minister, McKee will provide pastoral counseling to students, lead campus worship services, supervise the Center for Campus Ministry staff and provide leadership for volunteer

services and church relations initiatives. In addition, she will coordinate February Meetings and serve as advisor to student religious organizations.

McKee graduated from Rhodes College in Memphis with a bachelor of arts degree in religion. She earned the master's of divinity degree from Yale Divinity School and is currently working on completing the doctor of ministry degree from McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago. She was ordained by the Presbyterian Church (USA) in 1985.

A pastor for 15 years, McKee's most recent role has been that of associate pastor at Farragut Presbyterian Church in Farragut, Tenn. She serves

College Welcomes McKee, New Campus Minister

on several committees for the Presbytery of East Tennessee.

McKee is married to Mark Hulsether, an associate professor in the University of Tennessee Religions Studies Department. They have three children.

"I'm excited about my new role as campus minister and I look forward to serving not only students, but faculty and staff as well," she said. "I value preaching and worship in my ministry and look forward to developing the worship life of the Center for Campus Ministry, both through weekly chapel services and through helping the students grow in their spiritual lives and commitments."

L A U R E L S



MARYVILLE COLLEGE
FACULTY SCHOLARSHIP 2000-2001



When the subject of research is discussed among faculty members at Maryville College, the point is invariably made that projects undertaken in the realm of research should always complement teaching and learning. The faculty consensus is that research enhances the professional and personal experiences of the professor, and also enhances the educational experiences of the students they teach. The research and professional activities outlined in this edition of *Laurels* demonstrate these convictions.

Over the past year, the faculty at Maryville College have represented the research interests of the College to the academic and professional world, through presentations at conferences and meetings, publication of papers in numerous scholarly journals, and service on many boards and editorial review panels. Just as important, faculty members have introduced to our students the importance of research as a means to expand their own educational horizons.

I commend our faculty members on the comprehensive body of research represented in this edition of *Laurels* and for their dedication to the students they teach.

Nancy C. Sederberg
Vice President and Dean of the College



FACULTY LAURELS



DR. SUSAN H. AMBLER, Associate Professor of Sociology, while on a semester sabbatical during Spring 2000, working with George Loveland, Librarian, Ferrum College, wrote and obtained a three-year ACA Teaching & Technology Grant on "Participatory Research Across the Curriculum" in conjunction with Dr. Kathie Shiba, Maryville College, and representatives from Emory & Henry College, Union College, Carson-Newman College, Big Creek People in Action, and the Woodland Community Land Trust. The project involves developing resources for faculty and community members to teach and conduct community-based participatory research, which focuses on issues and problems in the community. One of the goals of the project is to create a nonprofit organization called Just Connections to serve as a networking mechanism between colleges and communities. Dr. Ambler serves as coordinator of the ACA grant project. Dr. Ambler and George Loveland presented at Loka's Third Annual Community Research Network Conference. Dr. Ambler planned and held the first workshop on "Participatory Research Across the Curriculum" in July at Union College, Kentucky. In October, Dr. Ambler and George Loveland were presenters at the annual ACA Conference, "Making Connections: Teaching, Learning, Technology" in Knoxville, Tenn. Dr. Ambler wrote a work plan for Just Connections to receive and administer funding from the Bonner Foundation's Learn & Serve Grant for a "National Higher Education Community-Based Research Project—Phase II." Just Connections is serving as the subgrantee for the Appalachian region. Maryville College will receive some money from this grant to support workshops on doing community-based participatory research. Dr. Ambler, JENNIFER WEST '95, Bonner Coordina-

tor, and others in the grant project will develop these workshops this spring for Maryville College faculty and students. Money will also be used to support faculty and student community-based research projects. Dr. Ambler attended a conference on the "National Higher Education Community-Based Research Project." In November Dr. Ambler hosted the second workshop on "Participatory Research Across the Curriculum" at Maryville College. At the workshop the grant participants signed incorporation papers for Just Connections, formed its board of directors, and hired its first staff member to serve as Coordinator. Dr. Ambler is serving as Treasurer of Just Connections. Dr. Ambler attended the Appalachian Studies Association Annual Meeting and the Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Dr. Ambler serves as the Archivist for The Sociologists for Women in Society

DR. JEFF BAY, Assistant Professor of Statistics, attended the Joint Statistical Meetings in Indianapolis, Indiana, August 13-17, 2000 where he presented the paper "Adjusting Data for Measurement Error to Reduce Bias when Estimating the Coefficients of a Quadratic Model." The paper, which was published in the *American Statistical Association 2000 Proceedings of the Section on Survey Research Methods*, covers recent work extending the research completed for his Ph.D. dissertation. While at the Joint Statistical Meetings, Dr. Bay participated in a roundtable discussion entitled "Getting the 'Learning' into Co-Operative Learning Groups" and took a half-day continuing education workshop on developing a capstone course for undergraduate statistics majors. Immediately preceding the Joint Statistical Meetings, he attended the two-day workshop "Improving the Workforce of the Future:

Opportunities in Undergraduate Statistics Education" sponsored by the Undergraduate Statistics Education Initiative. Last summer also saw the publication of a paper for which he was a co-author, entitled "Assessment of the Condition of Agricultural Lands in Six Mid-Atlantic States." This paper summarizes findings of the Environmental Monitoring and Assessment Program's Agricultural Lands Resource Group, with whom Bay worked before joining Maryville College.

DR. CHARLOTTE H. BECK, Professor of English in the Division of Humanities, has published an essay, "Caroline Gordon and Flannery O'Connor: An Enabling Anxiety of Influence" in the *Flannery O'Connor Bulletin*. She organized and chaired a session on Robert Penn Warren's literary criticism at the 1999 convention of the South Atlantic Modern Language Association, and at the 2000 convention she was the respondent to the papers read in the Warren session. Dr. Beck is currently chairing the Program Committee of the South Atlantic Modern Languages Association and will publish a paper entitled "Robert Penn Warren's Critical Anxiety of Influence" in the first issue of the *Robert Penn Warren Journal*. Her book, *The Fugitive Legacy: A Critical History* was released in January by the LSU Press.

DR. CHAD BERRY, Assistant Professor of History, spent a week at Vanderbilt University in May 2000 as part of his Maryville College FIT (Faculty Instructional Technology) Fellowship. He participated in a New Media Classroom workshop entitled "The Blues, Bluegrass, and Blue Suede Shoes: Southern Culture in the New Media Classroom," where he learned about the latest ways to incorporate instructional technology in the

classroom. He began the academic year by attending a Salzburg Seminar in Austria on Youth and Civic Participation; he will use some of the insight gained in a senior seminar he will teach next year on youth and the 1960s. In October, he appeared on C-SPAN's Book TV program as part of the Southern Festival of Books in Nashville. He presented an overview of his book, *Southern Migrants, Northern Exiles*. In February, he presented a paper entitled "Speak Easily: Using an Interactive Writing Program to Enhance Communication in a Small Liberal Arts College Environment" at the Annual Meeting of the American Association for History and Computing in Indianapolis. His panel, entitled "Broadening the Base of the Mountain: Placing Appalachia in a Wider Regional and Intellectual Context," was accepted for the March annual meeting of the Appalachian Studies Association in Snowshoe, West Virginia; he will serve as chair and as a commentator on the panel. In April, he was a featured speaker at the South Central Kentucky Festival of Books in Bowling Green, and later that month, he, along with MC FIT Fellows PEGGY COWAN, MARK O'GORMAN, and CHRIS NUGENT (accompanied by Instructional Technology Initiative Staff GINA ROBERTS and KAREN WENTZ) presented "Instructional Technology Innovation in the Liberal Arts Classroom: A Conversation with the Maryville College Faculty Instructional Technology (FIT) Fellows" at the Sixth Annual Mid-South Instructional Technology Conference in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. His article, "Southern White Migration to the Midwest, An Overview," the lead essay in *Appalachian Odyssey: Historical Perspectives on the Great Migration*, appeared in July. This spring his article, "Upon What Will I Hang My Hat in the

Future? Appalachia and Awaiting Post-Postmodernity," will be published in the *Journal of Appalachian Studies*. He also reviewed the book *Barrios Norteños: St. Paul and Midwestern Mexican Communities in the Twentieth Century* for the *American Historical Review*. Dr. Berry has recently been asked to contribute to a roundtable in the *Appalachian Journal* on Rory Kennedy's recent documentary, *American Hollow*. He has continued to review grant proposals for the National Endowment of the Humanities and to serve on the Editorial Board of *De Sur a Norte: Perspectivas Sudamericanas sobre Estados Unidos*, published in Buenos Aires.

DR. ROBERT BONHAM, Professor of Music, made a presentation in April to the student chapter of the Chattanooga Music Teachers Association about the work of Dorothy Taubman, with particular emphasis on means of increasing keyboard facility and avoiding injury. He presented a multimedia piano recital designed around musical and visual images of fire and water on February 25 for the college, repeating it for Maryville High School in April, and again for a college Community Forum in September. He participated as a teacher in the first annual Piano Wellness Seminar held at Gardner-Webb College in North Carolina during August. He is on sabbatical leave for the current academic year exploring various uses of sound. Activities include two trips to South India (July and December) to study Sanskrit mantras.

DR. SCOTT BRUNGER presented his interactive CD-ROM on African Art to the Technology Summit of the Appalachian College Association on October 13 and to the African Studies Association meeting in Nashville on November 17, 2000. He also attended the Southeast Region Symposium on African Studies October 27-28 at the University of Tennessee. As an economist, he participated in the Sixth International Post Keynesian Workshop, June 23-28, 2000 in Knoxville and the Allied

Social Sciences Association annual meeting, January 5-7, 2001 in New Orleans.

DR. BEN CASH, Assistant Professor of Biology, attended the Society of Integrative and Comparative Biology annual meeting in Chicago in January 2001 and participated in a symposium on stress in animal populations. His presentation entitled, "Stress and the Slider Turtle" recounted a significant portion of his recent dissertation from the University of Mississippi. Dr. Cash also presented the results of the first year of a research project at the annual All Taxa Biodiversity Inventory meetings in Gatlinburg, TN. The research project, funded by the National Park Service and Discover Life in America, involves the biological inventory of reptile species in Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Dr. Cash has also initiated life history and ecological research on two species of salamanders in Cherokee National Forest, including submitting a grant proposal to the United States Geological Survey, Species at Risk Program.

DR. MARGARET PARKS COWAN, Associate Professor of Religion and Philosophy, Ralph W. Beeson Chair in Religion, and Coordinator of General Education, received a Faculty Instructional Technology Fellowship for 2000-2001 to create a website to enhance teaching in Biblical Studies courses. Her project focused on helping students bridge the historical and cultural gap between their own social and religious context and the context in which the biblical texts were written. As part of the project, she attended an Appalachian College Association Religion and Philosophy Technology Workshop at Cumberland College, Williamsburg, KY, May 21-23, 2000, and the ACA Technology Summit at the University of Tennessee Conference Center, October 13, 2000. As a member of the planning committee for the Consultation on the Vocation of the Presbyterian Teacher, held in Louisville, KY, August 10-13, 2000, Dr. Cowan collaborated with Dr. Roger Ebertz of Dubuque University and Dr.

Mary Shields of Trinity Lutheran Seminary to present a paper entitled "The Vocation of Teaching: Themes and Models from the Presbyterian Tradition." During 2000-2001, Dr. Cowan served as an associate regional director for the southeast group of the Rhodes Consultations on the Future of the Church-Related College. The group met on the Maryville College campus October 27-29, 2000, and Dr. Cowan attended a meeting of directors at Rhodes College in Memphis, February 16-18, 2001. She attended the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion and Society of Biblical Literature in Nashville, November 18-21, 2000 and attended the Best Practices in General Education Conference sponsored by the American Association of Colleges and Universities, February 22-24, 2001 in Atlanta.

DR. DREW CRAIN, Assistant Professor of Biology, has published 3 papers in the last year on the subject of his research—the way that environmental contaminants alter the endocrine system of animals. One paper entitled "Alligators and endocrine disrupting contaminants: A current perspective" was published in *American Zoologist*, whereas another paper entitled "Plasma dihydrotestosterone concentrations and phallus size in juvenile American alligators (*Alligator mississippiensis*) from contaminated and reference populations" was published in the *Journal of Herpetology*. A third paper entitled "Endocrine-disrupting contaminants and hormone dynamics: Lessons from wildlife" was published in a textbook. All of these publications were co-authored with Dr. Crain's collaborators at the University of Florida.

During the year 2000, Dr. Crain and colleague Dr. Louis Guillette co-edited a book entitled "Endocrine Disrupting Contaminants: An Evolutionary Perspective" that was published by Taylor and Francis Publishers. During the summer of 2000, Dr. Crain and Maryville College alumnus Elizabeth Hewitt submitted a paper for publication in the journal *Chemosphere*. The Hewitt and Crain submission is based on Hewitt's senior

thesis research.

DR. CARL GOMBERT, Associate Professor of Art, exhibited paintings in three national juried exhibitions: the *Grand National Exhibition* sponsored by the Akron Society of Artists, where his painting *Big Yellow Roger* won second prize, *Red*, a thematic exhibit at Concordia College in Ann Arbor, and *Face to Face II*, at the Stage Gallery in Merrick, New York, where his piece was reviewed by the *New York Times*. He was also invited to exhibit in a group drawing show at Sinclair Community College in Dayton, Ohio in October. In December and January he exhibited works at the Scapular Nomad Gallery, an intimate gallery worn by the curator, Judy Freya Sibahan. Based in Manila, Ms. Sibahan invites artists to create small works that she carries with her in a pair of small pouches worn over her shoulders. Gombert's piece consisted of four fictional self-portraits exhibiting different racial characteristics. Each painting was cut into quarters; viewers were encouraged to experiment with various combinations of reassembled pieces. In April, Gombert exhibited recent paintings and drawings at Berea College in Kentucky. Finally, Gombert's work was featured in the January-February issue of *Rubberstampmadness* magazine.

DR. SARAH (SALLY) E. JACOB, Professor of Psychology, attended a workshop titled "A Conceptual Framework for Interpreting Intracognitive and Ability-Achievement Discrepancies in the Assessment and Identification of Learning Disabilities" which was presented by Drs. Dawn P. Flanagan and Michael E. Germer (National Association of School Psychologists) March 28, 2000 in New Orleans. Dr. Jacob also attended the 2000 Annual Convention of the National Association of School Psychologists, March 29—April 1, 2000 in New Orleans, and the Tennessee Association of School Psychologists' Workshop on "Identifying Students with Dyslexia with the Processing Deficit Model" held in Knoxville, TN, November 4, 2000, and

presented by Center for the Study and Treatment of Dyslexia, Middle Tennessee State University. On Nov. 26-29, Dr. Jacob attended the Mid-South Biennial School Psychology Conference in Point Clear, Alabama.

DR. SHERRY KASPER, Associate Professor of Economics, attended the annual meetings of the Allied Social Sciences Association in New Orleans, January 5-7, 2001, where she chaired a session entitled "The Distributional Consequences of Internationalized Markets." At that meeting, she also completed her term as a Trustee for the Association for Social Economics. Finally, she published an entry entitled "Eveline Mabel Burns" in the *Biographical Dictionary of Female Economists*, edited by Robert Dimand, Mary Ann Dimand, and Evelyn Forget, Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar, 2000.

DR. MARCIA J. KEITH, Professor of Education, attended a conference entitled "Strengthening Faculty Development at Liberal Arts Colleges" at Rollins College, Winter Park, Florida, March 2-3, 2000. The conference was designed to consider several questions: what is the role of faculty developers at the liberal arts college? how are successful programs organized? why is faculty development important in our setting? how can we collaborate and learn from each other? This conference provided a follow-up to the annual meeting of the Professional and Organizational Development Network in Higher Education (POD), held at Split Rock Lodge in Lake Harmony, Pennsylvania, October 12-17, 1999, which was also attended by Dr. Keith.

DR. KRISTI KNEAS, Assistant Professor of Chemistry, attended the 27th Annual Conference of the Federation of Analytical Chemistry & Spectroscopy Societies in Nashville, TN during September 2000. There she presented her invited paper entitled "The Use of Conventional, Confocal, and Multi-photon Fluorescence Microscopy in Photochemical and Photophysical Investigations of

Luminescence-based Oxygen Sensors." A portion of Kneas' work was published in the November/December 2000 issue of *Microscopy and Microanalysis* as "Fluorescence Microscopy Study of Heterogeneity in Polymer-supported Luminescence-based Oxygen Sensors." Kneas also attended the January 2001 International Biomedical Optics Symposium of the Photonics West Meeting, sponsored by the Society for Optical Engineering, in San Jose, CA, where she presented her invited paper entitled "Comparison of Conventional, Confocal, and Two-photon Microscopy for Detection of Microcrystals Within Luminescence-based Oxygen Sensor Films." The paper will appear in the 2001 *Proceedings of the Society for Optical Engineering*. During the Fall of 2000, Kneas was awarded a Faculty Instructional Technology Fellowship from Maryville College for a project to be completed this year.

MS. PEGGY MAHER, Assistant Professor of Sign Language Interpreting, attended the Conference of Interpreter Trainers Convention in Portland, Oregon, October 19-21, 2000. She participated in the Educational Standards Committee events and shared historical documents as part of her subcommittee responsibilities. Throughout the Fall 2000 semester, Ms. Maher and representatives from Aikens Public Strategies, the East Tennessee Foundation, Tennessee School for the Deaf, and Maryville College implemented grant activities to encourage interaction between Maryville College and Tennessee School for the Deaf students. Events included having eight Tennessee School for the Deaf Students attend the College Open House and stay on campus Sept. 29-Oct 1. Ms. Maher, the Sign Language Club, and **SHERI MORAN** planned activities for the visit. Ms. Maher and the Sign Language club also presented two dramatic literature adaptations at Tennessee School for the Deaf to middle school and elementary school students, on October 29 and November 5, respectively. These included adaptations of excerpts from Shelley's *Frankenstein*, Poe's

"The Telltale Heart," and "The Greedy Cat" video from Billy Seago. She, along with **MORAN**, Tennessee School for the Deaf representatives and Aikens Public Strategies, presented a Christmas party in Willard House for 12 indigent Tennessee School for the Deaf students on Dec. 20.

DR. SHERI L. MATASCIK, Assistant Professor of Music and Chair, Division of Fine Arts, attended a t'ai chi retreat on June 9-15 in Blowing Rock, NC with Master Yang Yang, one of the top Chen stylists in the world. In other t'ai chi developments, Dr. Matascik and her associate, Keith Boswell, Director of 5 Elements T'ai Chi School, began to teach a new T'ai Chi for Seniors curriculum at Outlook Pointe, an assisted living community in Knoxville. Dr. Matascik also participated in a Microsoft Office Seminar, September 13 with her secretary, Heather Sowders. She attended a Spring semester 2001 class at Pellissippi State on Macintosh computer graphic technology. Dr. Matascik was also awarded a FIT Fellowship for Summer 2001 to develop a computer software product for music theory study. In administrative work, Dr. Matascik attended the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM) meeting for music executives in Chicago on November 18-21, 2000. She participated in a panel discussion on women as music executives, sessions on the role of music in the liberal arts education and the special aspects of heading a smaller music unit, as well as a one-day seminar on preparing for an NASM accreditation visit. As a composer, Dr. Matascik submitted a composition that was chosen for performance on March 3, 2001 at the Southern Association Meeting of the College Music Society. The work, *Three Sketches*, is scored for flute and soprano saxophone.

MS. DORI MAY, Instructor and Public Services/Acquisitions Librarian, gave a presentation at one of the TENN-SHARE Summer Workshops held August 4, 2000 at the University of

Tennessee. The title was "Acquisitions using Web-Based Resources." In September she and **MS. CHO1 PARK, Associate Professor and Catalogue Librarian**, traveled to Bluefield College to attend an Appalachian College Association (ACA) Technical Services Conference focusing on collection development issues. Ms. May applied for and received an ACA LET (Librarian Experience/Training) in Technology Grant to attend the Charleston Conference in Acquisitions Nov. 1-3, 2000 in Charleston, SC.

DR. WILLIAM J. MEYER, Associate Professor of Religion & Philosophy, presented a paper entitled "The Plight of Modern Theism: An Alternative to Stout's Diagnosis," at the Southeast Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion in Charlotte, NC, March 16-18, 2001. He chaired a session at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Christian Ethics in Chicago, January 5-7, 2001. He served as an editorial reviewer for the 2000 edition of the Annual of the Society of Christian Ethics. He attended the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion in Nashville, November 18-21, 2000.

MR. SHANE MICKEY, Adjunct Professor of Art, attended the Utilitarian Clay Conference in Gatlinburg, TN in September. He also attended the National Council for the Education of the Ceramic Arts' Conference in Charlotte, N.C., March 24 - 30, where he participated in topical discussions and breakout groups. Mr. Mickey was currently part of the national invitational exhibit, "CLAY/WOOD/FIRE/SALT," at the Southern Highland Craft Guilds Folk Art Center in Asheville, NC from November 17 - January 20.

MS. SHERI T. MORAN, Assistant Professor of American Sign Language and Deaf Studies, attended the bi-annual meeting of the National Association of the Deaf and participated in the American Sign Language Teachers Association (ASLTA) workshops in Norfolk,

Virginia, July 4-8, 2000. The Deaf Studies VII conference was held in Orlando, Florida April 19-21 which she attended.

MR. ROGER MYERS, Instructor and Reference Librarian, along with a team of five librarians from the Appalachian College Association, is working on a grant project for the Appalachian Library Cooperative and Exchange to develop an online library instructional toolbox of research instruction materials for the 33 member institutions of the Appalachian College Association. A Mellon Foundation Grant funds the project. As part of the project, Mr. Myers visited the Five Colleges Inc. in Massachusetts to study methods of collaboration between the librarians in that consortium. The toolbox may be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.acaweb.org/Vcenter/toolbox>. Also, in May 2000, Mr. Myers served as panelist and presented "Information Literacy in the Freshman-Year Seminars at Maryville College" for the Tennessee Library's Instruction Round Table program "Programs, Challenges, and Solutions in Library Instruction" at the Tennessee Library Association's Annual Conference in Kingsport, Tennessee. Mr. Myers's review of *Near You: Francis Craig—Dean of Southern Maestros* by Dr. Robert W. Ikard is forthcoming in the *Tennessee Librarian*.

DR. JOHN NICHOLS, Professor of Mathematics, completed his first year as Chair of the Division of Mathematics & Computer Science. He replaced Dr. Bill Dent who served in this capacity for several years. Dr. Nichols spent much of this year performing a five-year review of the division. Every major has been thoroughly reviewed with recommendations for change forthcoming. Dr. Nichols also attended the joint meeting of the American Mathematical Society and the Mathematics Association of America in New Orleans in January 2001. While there he attended numerous lectures on a wide variety of topics.

MS. CHRIS NUGENT, Assistant Professor and Director of the Library,

received one of the first four Faculty Instructional Technology (FIT) fellowships through the Title III Instructional Technology Initiative. Her project includes the development of a course web site for Freshman Research Seminar 140. The grant also supported attendance at the Syllabus 2000 Conference on instructional technology, held from July 22-28 in Santa Clara, CA July 22 to 28. The project can be viewed at <http://www.maryvillecollege.edu/nugent/>. Ms. Nugent showcased her website at the Technology Summit of the Appalachian College Association, held in Knoxville from October 12-14, 2000. She received a LET (Library Experience Training in Technology) grant from the Appalachian College Association to attend a workshop on virtual collection development at the University of Tennessee on December 5, 2000. Her article, "Learning by Doing: The Freshman Year Curriculum and Library Instruction," co-authored with Roger Myers, is forthcoming in a special issue of the journal *Research Strategies*.

DR. MARK O'GORMAN, Assistant Professor of Political Science and Coordinator, Environmental Studies Program, together with senior Environmental Studies (ENV) and Political Science (PLS) double major student KATRINA ATCHLEY gave a presentation on internet voting at the Appalachian College Association (ACA) Technology Summit 2000 held in Knoxville, TN on Saturday October 14, 2000. The presentation, titled "The Politics of Getting Out the E-Vote," reviewed the construction and results from the Maryville College online internet voting site created by Katrina, Mark and Mark's PLS 321: The American Political Process class. The online site—the first of its kind at the College—was active in October and November 2000 as Katrina and the PLS 321 class used the site to create questions to survey Maryville College student views on the 2000 election and the impact of environmental issues on the election. The site was created by support from the Faculty Instruction

Technology (FIT) Fellowship won by Dr. O'Gorman—one of four fellowships awarded to faculty on campus—as part of the funding from the MC Instructional Technology Initiative (ITI) at the College. The results of the online site predicted that Al Gore would barely beat—by one vote—George W. Bush among MC students. These results accurately mirrored the national outcome in the 2000 election, where Gore won the popular vote, while Bush became President-elect with a majority of Electoral College votes. The Online Polling Project site can be found at <http://www.maryvillecollege.edu/ogorman/VotingProjectMain.htm>

DR. ALESIA H. ORREN, Assistant Professor of Education, was awarded a Faculty Instructional Technology (FIT) Fellowship to be implemented in the fall of 2001. Through the implementation of this fellowship, preservice teachers in Maryville College's Division of Education will create electronic portfolios to be accessed on the Internet. In the spring of 2001, Dr. Orren will visit the University of Virginia's Education Department to consult with them on the integration of electronic portfolios into their curriculum. In June 2000, Dr. Orren attended the conference, *Teacher Candidate Assessment: Changing Perspectives*. This conference was sponsored by Partnerships for Excellence in Teacher Education, a project funded by the Ford Foundation to Improve Teaching.

DR. BRIAN K. PENNINGTON, Assistant Professor of Religion, published the article "Renaissance or Retrenchment? Hindu-Christian Dialogue at a Crossroads" in the *Indian Journal of Theology*. The article describes the historical roots of the current crisis in Hindu-Christian relations in India. His article "Rev. William Ward and His Legacy for Christian (Mis)perceptions of Hinduism," detailing common Christian misunderstandings of Hindu belief and practice, appeared in the *Hindu-Christian Studies Bulletin*. In May he attended a workshop in Chicago con-

ducted by the United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia, on meeting the needs of visiting foreign scholars, and in November he attended the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion in Nashville. In March, he attended the annual meeting of the Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion, on which he serves as chair for the History of Religions section. He continues to regularly review books on Hindu-Christian relations and Christianity in India for the *Religious Studies Review* and the *International Journal for Hindu Studies*.

DR. ELIZABETH PEREZ-REILLY, Associate Professor of Spanish, presented a paper entitled "Direct Exchange Programs: How Could Your Institution Benefit?" at the annual meeting of the Association of Academic Programs in Latin America and the Caribbean (AAPLAC), which was held in Oaxaca, Mexico, February 23-26, 2000. Dr. Perez-Reilly received a travel grant from the Appalachian College Association to attend the conference. She is currently serving as Treasurer of AAPLAC and is a past president of the organization.

DR. DANNY PIERCE, Assistant Professor of Physical Education, Health and Outdoor Recreation, received a \$1,000 Faculty Stipend from the East Tennessee Consortium for Service Learning. This award was based on the development of the B-HEAlthy program in conjunction with the Blount County Home School Association (B.H.E.A.). The purpose of this program created an opportunity for Maryville College physical education majors to provide instruction in fitness, exercise, health and sports fundamentals to over 250 BHEA students from grades K-12. Dr. Pierce made a presentation to the Consortium at the annual award dinner, which was hosted by Maryville College on April 26, 2000. Dr. Pierce was a co-facilitator for the Maryville College MOOSE (Maryville Outdoor Outreach Service Experience) program. This three-week (July 2-26, 2000) program involved 12 students in

a tour of the American West while providing service work in Yellowstone & Grand Teton National Park. Dr. Pierce was an invited guest speaker for a panel discussion at the 9th Annual Adventure Education conference held on November 3, 2000, at Montreat College, Montreat, North Carolina. Six Outdoor Recreation majors attended the conference.

DR. MARGIE RIBBLE, Assistant Professor of Mathematics, received the 1999-2000 Helen B. Watson Outstanding Dissertation Award from the University of Tennessee College of Education for her work entitled, "Finding Fibonacci: An Interdisciplinary Liberal Arts Course Based on Mathematical Patterns." In July 2000 she attended the third annual "Bridges" conference on mathematical connections in art, music, and science at Southwestern College, Winfield, Kansas. An article by Dr. Ribble entitled "In Memoriam: Herta Taussig Freitag," was published in the Fibonacci Quarterly Journal in November, 2000.

DR. LORI SCHMIED attended the Southeastern Psychological Association meeting March 21-24 in Atlanta, GA where she gave an invited paper on the "History of the Psychology Department at Maryville College." She has also contributed an invited chapter on the biography of Jasper Converse Barnes (1861-1931), Professor of Psychology and Dean of Maryville College. This chapter will be included in a book edited by James Pate on presidents of the Southern Society of Philosophy and Psychology.

DR. KATHIE SHIBA, Associate Professor of Psychology, attended the 2000 convention of The Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues in Minneapolis, MN, June 16-18, 2000, where she facilitated a roundtable discussion, "Re-conceptualizing the Introductory Course: Teaching, Technology, & Social Issues." Dr. Shiba attended the annual ACA conference, "Making Connections: Teaching, Learning, Technology" in Knoxville, TN, October 12-14, 2000.

She and her colleagues presented a paper, "Transforming the Teaching of Introductory Psychology Using Technology" and received the 2000 ACA Cutting Edge Award in Technology. Dr. Shiba attended the 12th Annual Thomas Jefferson District Antiracism Conference in Savannah, GA, February 23-24, 2001 in Atlanta, GA.

DR. TERRY L. SIMPSON, Associate Professor of Secondary Education, completed a Fulbright appointment as a lecturer to Tartu University in Tartu, Estonia during the 2000 Fall Semester. During this appointment he taught two courses in the Department of Education. On November 3, 2000, Dr. Simpson presented a paper entitled "Moral Discourse in the Humanities and Social Sciences: A Model for Addressing Moral Dilemmas in an Academic Setting" at the 6th annual conference Education and Social Reality sponsored by the Estonian Academic Education Association, Department of Education and Department of Special Education at Tartu University. On November 6, 2000, he presented a lecture entitled "Education in the United States: The Role of the School in Determining Social Mobility" at the United States Embassy in Tallinn, Estonia. On November 10 and December 8, 2000, Dr. Simpson participated in the training of mentors for student teachers and first-year teachers that will be placed in local schools from Tartu University. On December 11, 2000, he visited Annelinna Gymnasium, a school (grades 1-12) for Russian students in Tartu, and lectured on the American Civil War to an American Studies/ English Language class. Dr. Simpson presented a session entitled "The Way We Are" to Leadership Blount at Highland Presbyterian Church on January 11, 2001. He presented a session entitled "Teaching About Estonia in the Social Studies Classroom" at the Tennessee Council for the Social Studies Spring Conference on March 23, 2001 in Gatlinburg.

DR. MARY KAY SULLIVAN, Pro-

fessor of Management, attended the annual meeting of the Academy of Management in Toronto, August 7-9, 2000, where she chaired a session for the Division of Entrepreneurship on Venture Capital. She also served as a reviewer of academic papers for the Entrepreneurship Division. She attended the joint national conference of the United States Association for Small Business and Entrepreneurship and the Small Business Institute Development Association in Orlando, FL, February 7-9, 2001, and reviewed papers for this meeting. A highlight of that meeting was a workshop by Ambassador John Bryant, CEO of Operation HOPE, Inc., a non-profit investment banking organization that is developing new banking models for underserved communities. She also continues as a reviewer and member of the editorial board of the *Journal of Small Business Management*. In the summer of 2000, she was appointed as the first Joe D. Eakes Professor of Business.

DR. BILL SWANN, Instructor of Music Theory and Improvisation Studies, finished and successfully defended his dissertation ("An Aural Approach to Teaching the Fundamentals of Jazz Theory") during the Fall semester of 2000. In the fall he also participated as a mentor in the Youth Leadership Blount mentor program. He performed as a clinician at the All-State East High School Jazz Band Clinic in January. He recorded a CD with the Knoxville Jazz Orchestra and plans to tour with the orchestra in Europe in the Summer of 2001. He also presented a Maryville College faculty recital on February 20, 2001 in the Fine Arts Music Hall.

DR. JEFF TURNER, Assistant Professor in Theatre, had his essay "No Curtain, No Scenery: Thornton Wilder's *Our Town* and the Politics of Whiteness" selected as one of the best papers read at the 2000 Theatre Symposium in Knoxville this past April. Dr. Turner was asked to read it again at the Southeastern Theatre Conference (SETC) in Jacksonville in March 2001. Furthermore, this essay

has been selected to be included in an anthology to be published by the University of Alabama Press in the summer of 2001. Also at the Jacksonville SETC in March, Dr. Turner presented a paper entitled "Transition and Transformation: 1930s American Culture and the Broadway Stage" for a panel he organized entitled, "(Re)reading 1930s Broadway Theatre."

DR. BARBARA WELLS, Assistant Professor of Sociology, attended the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association and the concurrent summer meeting of the Sociologists for Women in Society in Washington, D.C., August 12-15, 2000. At the latter meeting, Dr. Wells was a panelist for a session titled: "The Light at the End of the Tunnel: Post-Ph.D. Career Issues." She also attended the "Christianity, Gender, and the Family" conference at Eastern College, St. Davids, PA, May 22-23, 2000. The book chapter, "Diversity within Latino Families: New Lessons for Family Social Science" (co-authored with Maxine Baca Zinn), from *The Handbook of Family Diversity*, was reprinted in *Family in Transition* 11th edition, edited by Skolnick and Skolnick (Allyn and Bacon, 2001). The book review essay, "Christian Thinking About Poverty and Policy" (co-authored with Ronald Wells) appeared in the November 2000 issue of *Perspectives: A Journal of Reformed Thought*.

DR. CRYSTAL WRIGHT, Assistant Professor of Psychology, was inducted into the Alpha Gamma Sigma honor society in the fall of 2000. She was also awarded a Faculty Instructional Technology (FIT) Fellowship. Dr. Wright continues to serve as a Media Contact and Mentor for the Social Psychology Network and was an ad hoc reviewer this year for Division 9 of the American Psychological Association Convention (Society for Psychological Study of Social Issues), the journal *Group Dynamics*, and the Winter 2001 conference of the Society for Consumer Psychology. In October, Dr. Wright attended the meeting of

Society of Experimental Social Psychology in Atlanta, as well as the Person Memory Interest Group preconference in Helen, Georgia. In November, she presented a talk (co-authored with Diane Mackie of the University of California, Santa Barbara) entitled, "Entitativity and Shared Emotions in Groups" to the Society for Southeastern Social Psychologists in Macon, Georgia. At the same conference, she served on a panel entitled, "Surviving and Thriving at Liberal Arts Colleges." In February, Dr. Wright presented a talk entitled, "If It Ain't Broke, Don't Practice Fixing It: The Impact of Preparation on the Ingratiation Success of High and Low Self-monitors" to the meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology in San Antonio, Texas.

JOINT PROJECTS

DR. SUSAN AMBLER, Associate Professor of Sociology and DR. MARK O'GORMAN, Assistant Professor of Political Science. completed an evaluation research project during the summer of 2000 for Blount County Drug Court. The Blount County Drug Court is a new program aimed at reducing the recidivism (returning to prison over and over again) of individuals who have committed drug-related crimes and face jail sentences. The Drug Court offers the option of receiving group counseling and other human services to eliminate the addiction rather than going to jail. The review found that Blount County's Drug Court Program provides a good model for a drug court in a non-metropolitan setting. The final report is available on Dr. Ambler's web site at <http://www.maryvillecollege.edu/ambler/>

ROGER MYERS, Instructor and Reference Librarian, and CHRIS NUGENT, Assistant Professor and Director, Information Resources & Services. presented a program titled "Experience with Assessment Using the ACRL Standards" at the Library Administrative Retreat of the Appalachian College Association, held at Kentucky Chris-

tian College in Grayson, KY, October 15-16.

DR. BARBARA WELLS, Assistant Professor of Sociology, and CHRIS NUGENT, Assistant Professor and Director, Information Resources & Services, in preparation for a review of the General Education course Freshman Research Seminar 140, attended the American Association of Colleges and Universities (AAC&U) conference on "Diversity and Learning: Identity, Community, and Intellectual Development" in Pittsburgh, PA, October 26-29.

Together with the 1999 FIT Fellows, **MARK O'GORMAN, PEGGY COWAN** and **CHAD BERRY, CHRIS NUGENT** participated in the Sixth Annual Mid-South Instructional Technology Conference, held at Middle Tennessee State University, April 8-10, 2001. The conference was entitled "Teaching and Learning: Today's Successes/Tomorrow's Horizons." The group presented the program: "Instructional Technology Innovation in the Liberal Arts Classroom: A Conversation with the Maryville College Faculty Instructional Technology (FIT) Fellows."

DR. DANNY PIERCE, Mr. Derrick Stowell (MC 2003), Mr. David Ruble (MC 2002), Mr. Ben Fentress (MC 2001) and **Ms. Corey Shubert (MC 2002)** presented a workshop entitled "Practicum & Internships: Gaining the Experience You Need," at the 9th annual Adventure Education Conference held November 3, 2000, at Montreat College, Montreat, North Carolina.

DR. DANNY PIERCE and DR. JOHN PERRY, Associate Professor of Physical Education, attended the Tennessee Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, Tennessee on November 10, 2000. Six physical education majors traveled with them to the conference.

DR. LORI SCHMIED, Professor of

Psychology, has made several presentations with **DR. KATHIE SHIBA, Associate Professor of Psychology,** and colleagues from Emory & Henry and Carson-Newman Colleges regarding the Mellon Teaching & Technology grant project on "Re-conceptualizing Introductory Psychology," funded through the Appalachian College Association. They presented a poster, "Re-conceptualizing Introductory Psychology," at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Society, June 8-11, 2000, in Miami, FL. Schmied and Shiba also co-facilitated a roundtable discussion on "Using Technology to Re-think Introductory Psychology." The grant team also presented "Transforming the Teaching of Introductory Psychology Using Technology: The PsychVista Project" at the Appalachian College Association Technology Summit 2000, October 12-14, 2000, in Knoxville, TN. At that meeting the grant team was named the recipient of the "Cutting Edge Award 2000" from the Appalachian College Association. During January 3-6, 2001 at the National Institute on the Teaching of Psychology in St. Petersburg Beach, FL, the grant team presented a poster entitled, "Re-Designing Introductory Psychology," and hosted a round-table discussion on "The Psychological Study of Social Issues: Teaching, Technology, and Introductory Psychology."

DR. KATHIE E. SHIBA, Associate Professor of Psychology, began the second year of a 3-year Appalachian College Association (ACA) Teaching and Technology grant with **DR. LORI A. SCHMIED, Professor of Psychology** and **Chair of Behavioral Sciences Division,** Dr. Celeste Gaia (Emory & Henry College), and Dr. Guy L. Osborne (Carson-Newman College). The project involves the re-design of the Introductory Psychology course and implementation of integrated thematic units using collaborative methods and new technologies. Work on their website continues <http://www.PsychVista.org>. Dr. Shiba attended the annual meeting of the American Psychological Society in

Miami Beach, FL, June 7 – 11, 2000, where she presented a poster, along with **DR. LORI A. SCHMIED** and colleagues, entitled "Reconceptualizing Introductory Psychology." In addition, they facilitated a Participant Idea Exchange, "Using Technology to Re-Think Introductory Psychology." In addition, Dr. Shiba attended the 23rd annual National Institute on the Teaching of Psychology, in St. Petersburg Beach, FL, January 3 – 6, 2001. She, along with her colleagues, presented a poster, "Redesigning Introductory Psychology" and facilitated a Participant Idea Exchange, "The Psychological Study of Social Issues: Teaching, Technology, and Introductory Psychology." Dr. Shiba, along with **DR. SUSAN AMBLER, Associate Professor of Sociology,** Dr. Stephen Fisher (Emory & Henry College), Mr. George Loveland (Ferrum College), Dr. G. Larry Osborne (Carson-Newman College), and Ms. Deborah Thompson (Union College) received a 3-year ACA Teaching and Technology grant for their collaborative project, "Participatory Research Across the Curriculum." They continue work on their website <http://www.ferrum.edu/aca/jcl.html>. Their group, Just Connections, also received a Learn & Serve America Grant by the Bonner Foundation, and conducted a workshop at Maryville College, November 10 – 12, 2000.

DR. MARY KAY SULLIVAN and two other members of the Maryville College Social Sciences faculty, **DR. JOHN GALLAGHER, Assistant Professor of Management,** and **DR. DEAN BOLDON, Professor of Sociology,** have been asked to serve as the academic team for the East Tennessee Foundation as it participates in a nation-wide research project on social capital headed by Robert D. Putnam, Ph.D., author of *Bowling Alone: The Collapse and Revival of American Community*. In this capacity, Dr. Sullivan attended a workshop led by Dr. Putnam in Washington, D.C. in October, 2000.

Fayerweather II is New and Improved

To freshmen and sophomores, as well as first-time visitors, it looks like any other building under construction. But to juniors and seniors, faculty and staff, alumni and other veteran members of the Maryville College community, it is a memory brought back to life. Just a few weeks away from completion, the new Fayerweather Hall bears an uncanny resemblance to the original Fayerweather Science Hall, which stood on the same spot for more than 100 years before being destroyed by fire in May 1999.

Because of Maryville's strong sense of history and dedication to preservation, the new building - from the outside - looks almost exactly as it did before the fire. Architects with Knoxville architectural and interior design firm McCarty Holsapple McCarty studied old photos of the original building and went to great lengths - even brick-counting - to ensure the replication. Arched windows, with their beige brick accents, are back, as are the "dental" accents along the roofline.

In late April 2001, a few college administration and business services began relocating to Fayerweather, with more scheduled to relocate following Commencement exercises in May.

"For more than a century, Fayerweather Science Hall was treasured by members of the College community," said MC President Dr. Gerald W. Gibson. "Alumni and friends of the College - as well as the current students, faculty and staff - had so many memories tied to the building, that there was certainly a great sense of loss following the fire.

"We lost a part of our history that a new building can never replace, but we are very fortunate in that we are able to rebuild in a manner that both pays homage to our heritage while providing a fine facility that will serve us well into the future," he added.

Although the exterior of the building will be an almost exact replica of the original turn-of-the-century Fayerweather Science Hall, the interior will be thoroughly modern, from the furnishing to the functionality of the meeting spaces and classrooms.

Meaningful items salvaged from the fire, such as the three marble nameplates bearing the words "Fayerweather Science Hall" will be integrated into both the interior and exterior designs.



Construction on Fayerweather Hall proceeded through the winter and early spring, with some space occupied by mid-April. Front views (above) bear an uncanny resemblance to the original Fayerweather Science Hall; the back of Fayerweather (right) was designed with an attractive entrance, as well.



As the new building will be named Fayerweather Hall, the nameplate with the word Science will be put on display in the building's entryway, along with other mementos from the building's earlier days. The remaining two plates will be used on the façade, reflecting the hall's new name and purpose.

While Fayerweather will be occupied this spring, the official dedication will be held during Homecoming 2001.

OFFICES, DEPARTMENTS AND SERVICES LOCATED IN FAYERWEATHER

Academic Vice President • Admissions • Archives • Business Services • Financial Aid
 Information Systems and Services • Instructional Technology Initiative
 President's Office • Public Relations • Registrar's Office • Student Health Services
 Classrooms • One Tiered Classroom • Meeting Rooms • Horwell W. Proffitt Boardroom



The Progression of a Boardroom: (Far left): After assembling the table in the room, the Corian® table pieces are placed into the table.

(Middle): The table fully completed, with microphones in place.

(Right): The chairs are in place ... the Boardroom is ready!



Albert F. Brown has been named Maryville College Vice President and Treasurer by the College's Board of Directors.

Brown, previously the business manager and director of personnel services at Washington and Jefferson College in Washington, Penn., assumed his new role May 1.

As vice president and treasurer at the College, Brown will have oversight of the College's annual budget and endowment as well as business services and human resources. In his capacity as Vice President and Treasurer, he will also be responsible for physical plant operations, which include

all new construction and renovation projects on the Maryville College campus, including a planned campus-wide landscaping and beautification effort and proposed renovations of campus buildings. He will serve as staff to the Finance Committee and Buildings and Grounds Committee of the Board of Directors.

A certified public accountant, Brown holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Denver and a master's degree in business administration from Oregon State University. He has taught college-level courses in economics, microcomputers, finance, and employee relations.

Prior to his 15-year post as business manager and director of personnel services at Washington and Jefferson, Brown was director of financial systems for the Pennsylvania college.

He is a member of the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants and several professional organizations.

"In our search for a new vice president and treasurer, we were looking for an individual with a strong financial background in an academic setting combined with a history of leadership and genuine commitment to excellence, as well as someone with utmost integrity and respect for the liberal arts tradition," said Maryville College President Dr. Gerald W. Gibson. "We sincerely believe Albert possesses these qualities in abundance and that he will be an excellent addition not only to Maryville College but to the surrounding community, as well."

Brown and his wife Merrin have three children. The family resides in Maryville.

Teagle Grant Will Help Open 'Window of Opportunity'

"Maryville College is a very good college poised to reach the next tier."

So reads a segment of a grant proposal submitted to the Teagle Foundation in New York late last year. Happily, the decision makers at the charitable foundation agreed, and provided funding that will help make reaching that next level an attainable goal.

In March, the President's office received word that the proposal would be funded in the amount of \$440,000 over a three-year period. The grant will fund specific areas identified by the College that will allow it to take advantage of a "window of opportunity" that many College leaders believe exists right now for Maryville to become the best possible college.

In fact, "MC Window of Opportunity" is the title chosen for the next Maryville College strategic planning initiative, which will be funded in large part by the Teagle grant. The title was from a statement made by the late Baxter Lee, a former member of the Board of Directors.

"When we presented the proposal to the Teagle Foundation, we shared the idea that this is indeed MC's window of opportunity," Gibson said. "We had great confidence that we could achieve great successes and attain a new level of excellence if we had the resources to meet certain objectives."

"The leaders within the Teagle Foundation fortunately shared that confidence and agreed to fund

many of those objectives," he added. "I appreciate their generosity and their faith in MC. I look forward to sharing our success with them throughout the period."

The Teagle grant was given to the College to meet very specific needs and will not be used for general operations, scholarships, building projects or any other "routine" expenses. Those identified

areas of funding include certain parts of the MC Window of Opportunity strategic planning process, market research, and a formal church relations program. Initiatives within those areas include surveys of potential, current, and former students; market positioning and message development; strategic planning meetings; communications reviews; curriculum and program reviews; and a Director of Church Relations position.

Although the fund-

ing for the initiatives is recent, the relationship between Maryville College and the Teagle Foundation goes back several years. In 1991, the foundation provided funding for the establishment of the Institutional Research and Planning Office, and in 1993 contributed to the automation of the library. In 1996, an additional grant was given for institutional research initiatives.

Banner Year for Scots, Lady Scots

Two more NCAA banners will go up in Boydson Baird Gymnasium. For the Lady Scots basketball team, the banner will show a 22-5 record. For the Fighting Scots, a 23-5 record and an NCAA tournament showing, too.

The 2000-2001 basketball season proved to be another red-letter – or is that garnet-letter? – year for basketball at Maryville.

Both teams were undefeated in conference play and won their first-ever Great South Athletic Conference championship titles, and coaches Randy Lambert and Dean Walsh were named "Coach of the Year" in their respective categories.

MC hosted the first round of both the women's and men's NCAA tournament teams. The Lady Scots defeated Christopher Newport University (Va.) 77-65 on Feb. 28, only to fall to rival Centre College at home 57-63 three days later.

The men defeated MacMurray College (Ill.) during the first round, 85-69. The Scots were defeated 51-71 by Wittenberg (Ohio) during second-round play.



Fine Arts Has Busy Spring

The Fine Arts Division enjoyed a very busy spring, with at least one student art exhibit or recital, choir concerts or theatre production occurring almost every week from February until the first week of May.

The Maryville College Theatre Department produced "Medea" as its spring show March 8-10. Directed by Assistant Professor of Theatre Dr. Jeff Turner, the 2,500-year-old Greek tragedy featured several theatre majors and involved members of the at-large campus community. MC Playhouse favorite Robert Hutchens played the Messenger, and three children of MC faculty and staff members assumed the roles of Medea's and Jason's ill-fated children. Maryville College Associate Professor of Art Dr. Carl Gombert designed the stage set.

The annual Choir Tour took Maryville College singers and musicians to New Orleans, La. Churches in Tennessee, Alabama and Mississippi hosted the choir, and in New Orleans the group enjoyed a clinic with world-renowned pianist, conductor and arranger Moses Hogan. Among the musical selections in the Choir Tour repertoire were Hogan's "Elijah Rock" and "The Battle of Jericho."

"I thought [the clinic with Mr. Hogan] was the highlight of the tour," said freshman Lydia Edrington, an alto from Bradenton, Fla. "Mr. Hogan was so nice and so down to earth. The two hours with him was all about the music and helping us love and appreciate music the way he does."

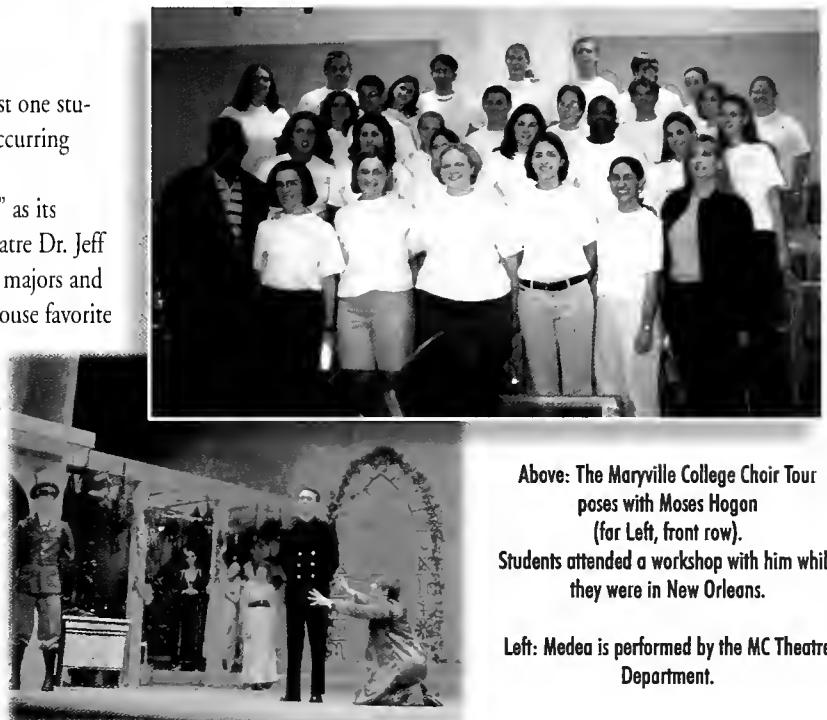


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Above: The Maryville College Choir Tour poses with Moses Hogan (far left, front row).

Students attended a workshop with him while they were in New Orleans.

Left: *Medea* is performed by the MC Theatre Department.

Edrington said Hogan was very complimentary of the choir, but helped improved the group's technique for communicating the message of his songs to audiences.

The Maryville College Equestrian Team is Riding High!

The Maryville College Equestrian Team held its inaugural Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) Hunter Seat Horse Show March 3-4.

The show, which featured 109 riders from

seven colleges and universities in the IHSA's Zone 5, Region 1 area, was held at Penrose Farm in Knoxville and hosted by Maryville College Board Member Teenie Hayworth.

The equestrian team isn't exactly a neophyte on the campus, but compared to baseball (125 years old), it's in its infancy, for sure.

In 1994, student Christen McCammon Khym '96, then a sophomore, rode for and coached the College's first equestrian team. While a freshman, Khym generated interest and petitioned the student government association for some funding.

Approved as a club sport in the spring of 1993, the team had five female riders and the use of horses and a local barn by the fall of 1994.

As the IHSA Hunter Seat

Horse Shows at Penrose Farm indicate, the team has come a long way in seven years.

Still considered a club sport by the College, this year's team consists of 15 coeds. The coaching staff has doubled in size. (Sarah Owen, a local resident who has a degree in horsemanship, joined Khym in 1996.) With the team competing at several IHSA horse shows each year, word has gotten out about the program and as a result, Khym said, the quality of riders who are joining the program has improved.

To join the equestrian team, students pay a lump sum fee for riding lessons, the lease of a barn and horses and entry fees, transportation and boarding costs for horse shows. A small amount of funding comes from the College's student government association, which allocates student activities fees to various campus clubs and organizations.

"There is a quality riding experience here," said Leigh Ann McDowell, a junior from Florida and equestrian team member. "You can ride as much as you want, and you learn to ride on multiple types of horses. There's good support."



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Maryville College Equestrian Team members and coaches (above) enjoyed home field advantage recently at an IHSA Horse Show. MC sophomore Sara Moore (left) and horse Skeeters complete a jump in the March 3 show.

CLASS NOTES

Isabelle Harrison Uhrich '34, is now 89 years old and legally blind. She lives in a retirement home in San Antonio, TX. She has two daughters, three step-children and five great-grandchildren.

Estelle Greene Carhart '36, is 88 years old and a widow, living in Norris, TN. She has five children, 12 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. She writes that "just keeping up with my family keeps me hopping!"

Robert R. Smyrl '36, and **Marie Jensen Smyrl '40**, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Oct. 12, 2000.

Helen Ridenhour Goodman '38, writes that her great-granddaughter is working on her Master's degree at UNC-Charlotte. Her youngest great-grandson will graduate from NC State in 2001.

Irma Souder Baker '39, continues to teach dance lessons. She and her daughter, Denise, own and operate a school of dance in Scotia, NY. The company presented a dance recital "Life is a Game," in April 2000. Irma, who had severe rheumatism as a child, originally took dance lessons in hopes of improving her health. Today, at age 82, she can still easily perform a split in her studio. An article about her life's work in dance appeared in the Scotia "The Daily Gazette," in June, 2000.

John Magill '39, and **Louise Wells Magill '41**, are the proud great-grandparents of four great-grandchildren. John and Louise are active in the life of Gulf Coast Village, a retirement facility in Cape Coral, FL. He is secretary of the executive board and also of the Independent Residents' Council. Louise is chairman of the decorating committee of the council. Both were invited to share in the 50th anniversary of an interfaith community Thanksgiving service in their former church in Abingdon, PA.

Sam Kyle Taylor, Jr. '39, and his wife, Pattie, met **Nancy Muller Zitzner '66**, and her husband, while on

a tour of the Canadian Rockies and British Columbia during the summer of 2000. The four shared many memorable experiences and enjoyed being together so much that they continue to correspond. The Taylors live in Whitesburg, TN. The Zitzners' home is in Glen Ridge, NJ.

E. B. Smith '40, was a panel discussant on "The Future of International Education" at the annual Washington, DC conference of the U. S. Fulbright Association in Nov. 2000. He has recently been appointed to serve on a Fulbright Senior Specialist Advisory Panel by the Council for the International Exchange of Scholars, which manages the Fulbright programs. He has been a Fulbright professor in Japan, Russia and China and has served as national president of the Fulbright Association.

Thelma Ritzman Hood '41, and her husband travelled by ship last year, visiting the Scandinavian countries, northern Germany, Estonia and Russia. They live in Allentown, PA.

Aline Campbell Moss '41, is on the General Board of the American Baptist Churches/USA. She also serves on the Executive Committee of the Essex Association of ABC/NJ and in various capacities in her local church in Kearny, NJ. She celebrated her 80th birthday in 2000.

Lily Pinneo '41, and her sister, **Rose Pinneo '43**, are enjoying retirement. They are very much involved in the life of the SIM (Mission) Retirement Village where they live, and in the local Presbyterian church.

Eloise Zimmerman Rogers '41, received a pin recognizing 12,000 hours of volunteer service to Alachua General Hospital in Florida in May 2001.

Helen Cameron Young '42, worked on two programs celebrating the 100th anniversary of Court Street United Methodist Church and Hattiesburg Methodist Hospital in Hattiesburg, MS. Her mother was superintendent of nurses at the hospital for more than six years.

Ellis Burcaw '43, is the author of "Introduction to Museum Work," known and used throughout the world. A Chinese edition of the book was published in Taipei in 2000. Burcaw plans to attend MC Homecoming 2001.

Cecil O. Eanes '43, has recently retired after 55 years in the ministry of the Presbyterian Church. He was recently married to a high school classmate. They

will live in her home in Danville, VA during the spring and summer months and in his Costa Mesa, CA home during the fall and winter. They expect to do a lot of traveling and will welcome friends to visit at any time.

Joseph E. Huskey '43, demonstrated Metrigrid games for Dr. Davis and his 13 interns at University of Tennessee-Knoxville in Oct. 2000. Four carloads of students, parents and teachers from Ducktown Elementary School helped with the project.

Ted Pratt '43, traveled with his 8-year-old granddaughter to Scandinavian ports, St. Petersburg and Paris in August 2000, and writes that "it was a mountaintop experience, including climbing 266 steps to the top of Notre Dame!"

Robert Schwarzwaldner '43, recently took a "Roots" trip to his ancestral home in Germany. He was accompanied by his son Curt.

Winifred Hart Van Cleve '44, has remained in her home in Belton, TX, following her husband's death. She does volunteer work at a local hospital, is active in her church and has travelled all over the world.

Jane Hays Swartzback '45, and **Ray Swartzback '47**, continue to enjoy retirement in SE Ohio. Ray preaches occasionally and also carves and paints song-birds indigenous to the area. Jane is busy with quilting and grandchildren and recently helped Women of Athens County build a house for Habitat for Humanity. Both are active in their church where they sing in the choir.

Rosalind Garges Watlington '46, was a founding member of the orchestra of the Bermuda Philharmonic Society and has played the violin in the orchestra for 40 years. She has completed her 25th year as a trustee of the Menuhin Foundation, of which she is also a founding trustee. They employ six string teachers from England.

Lois Thomas McGarity '48, and **Owen McGarity '47**, are active in church and community work and enjoy good health. They still live in their home in Gonzales, TX.

Phyllis Rainard Haxton '49, lives in Harrisonburg, VA, where she is now an ESL tutor.

Carl M. Lazenby '49, continues his daily half-hour magazine-type radio program, "This Morning with Carl Lazenby," on WAPF in McComb, MS.

Joyce Hampton Pullan '50, had a great time at the 50th class reunion in October and enjoyed seeing her classmates and the "new" Bartlett Hall. She continues to make her home in Northfield, NJ, where she is Projects Director for the Northfield Cultural Community.

Wanda Onifer Ryan '50, and her entire family vacationed at Martha's Vineyard in August 2000. The group included two daughters and their spouses, two sons and their spouses and nine grandchildren.



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Nancy Baird, wife of **Boydson Baird '41**, was surprised by family members Feb. 17, when a classroom in Cooper Athletic Center was dedicated in her name. The Bairds' children donated money for furniture and refurbishment of the room. MC Athletic Director **Randy Lambert '76**, left, leads friends in a round of applause.

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Lambert E. Stewart '50, attended two training classes at Peace Presbytery River Leaderfest in October, 2000, at Venice (FL) Presbyterian Church. He still does computer work as a volunteer for the church.

Ruth Humes Folta '51, and her husband have returned from their semester of mission work in China and write that there was an adventure every day. They are now in their home in Ashburn, VA.

David Grubbs '51, and **Sue Summers Grubbs '53**, visited London, Paris, Berlin, St. Petersburg and four Scandinavian capitals in July 2000.

Rev. Henry W. Heaps '51, retired in 1990, and is completing his fourth interim ministry at the Little Britain Presbyterian Church in Peach Bottom, PA. He and his wife have five sons, four daughters-in-law and eight grandchildren.

Edna Floy Brown Vas '51, is occupied full-time caring for her quadriplegic brother in her home in Bartow, FL. She is looking forward to the 50th reunion of her MC class, which will be held in October.

William Wagner Willingham '51, is now in his 27th year of teaching English at Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute at Hendersonville, NC.

Charles W. Holsinger '52, came out of retirement to serve as head of staff and temporary Stated Supply Pastor of the Eastminster Presbyterian Church in York, PA, in order to give the church more interim time to select a new pastor, head of staff.

Robert Osborn '52, and his wife travelled to Italy and to the Passion Play in August 2000, with a NARFE tour. They then stayed on for several weeks, visiting friends and family in Germany, Hungary and Slovakia. They also have a new grandson, who was born in August.

Neale Pearson '52, returned from two and a half months in Chile and Argentina in Dec. 2000. He explored what the provincial governments and city governments in the four provinces he has been studying for the past four years have been doing about three public policy problems: (1) police and public safety; (2) garbage collection and street cleaning; (3) budget and fiscal controls. He is Professor Emeritus at Texas Tech University.

Mary Jo Pribble '52, recently completed a term as chair of the Western Carolinas Section of the American Chemical Society. She is now serving as president of the American Association of University Women-North Carolina and enjoys traveling about the state and meeting members in the various branches of the organization.

Ken Upham '52, and **Joy Hickman Upham '52**, attended an Elderhostel on classical music at Mo Ranch in Hunt, TX Feb. 4-9, 2001. They are looking forward to the 50th reunion of their MC class and hope many classmates will attend.

Ruth Burgos-Sasscer '53, has retired and is now Chancellor Emeritus of the Houston Community College Systems. Part of her "free" time will be spent as a Senior Fellow at the University of Houston Law Center, Institute of Higher Education Law and Governance.

Grace Greenawalt Nieto '53, and her husband travelled in Spain for six weeks in the summer of 2000. Her husband was invited to participate in the International Symposium honoring the 500th anniversary of the birth of Charles V. The symposium was held in Madrid.

Florence Clark Raynal '53, is a stained glass artist with Raynal Studios, owned by her son, John. Her son, Clark, recently received his Master of Divinity degree and is in Nicaragua for a year, sponsored by UP(USA)'s "Reconciliation and Mission" project.

Robert Worthington '53, has been named to the board of DeCorp Americas Inc. in Nashville. He is senior partner with the law firm of Baker, Donelson, Bearman and Caldwell in Knoxville.

The Rev. Bryan Ernst '54, continues to make his home in Balwyn, VIC, Australia. At age 76 he assists the Parish minister in a service from time to time and plays the organ for the Sunday service once a month.

Emily Smith Hoyer '54, and her husband have moved back to her childhood home in Hardy, VA. **Al Hoyer '56**, recently retired after 33 years of ministry in PCUSA.

Homer T. Rickabaugh '54, retired from his Worldwide Ministries Division PC (USA) staff position as of Jan. 2, 2001. He has been designated as an "honorable retired" minister by the Presbytery of Western North Carolina. He and his wife will continue to live in LaGrange, KY for the present.

Alice Buchanan Smith '55, is completing a three-year term as president of Values Realization Institute, a national nonprofit organization. She lives in Newport News, VA.

Betty Cutler Boggs '56, was on campus for Homecoming 2000 with her older daughter, **Robyn DeMaat Boggs '80**. She writes that "it makes a body feel old when their child attends her 20th reunion as Robyn did!"

Madlon Travis Laster '56, retired in June 2000, from the Winchester (VA) Public Schools. **Jim Laster '56**, has been named Professor Emeritus at Shenandoah University. He played the role of Scrooge in "A Christmas Carol" at Wayside Theatre in December, 2000, and the role of F. Alexander in "A Clockwork Orange" at Studio Theatre's Second Stage in Washington, DC, Feb. 1 - Mar. 4, 2001. He was commissioned to write a piece which was the opening number for a concert by the St. John Neumann RCC choir's trip to Rome in Feb. 2001.

Maryl Vogel Smith '56, and her husband have moved

to a ranch home in Village Meadows, a part of Elyria United Methodist Retirement Community in Elyria, OH. She has retired from teaching elementary vocal music.

Margaret Blackburn White '56, retired in September, 2000. She continues to write and consult to the journal, "The Diversity Factor," of which she had been editor. She also continues as president of the Teaneck Community chorus, a multi-cultural chorus in Teaneck, NJ.

The Rev. George H. Hardy '57, has retired to Salisbury, MA, but is currently serving as Stated Supply Pastor of The First Presbyterian Church (Old South) of Newburyport, MA.

Ann Yater Moen '57, has retired from her position as librarian at Notre Dame High School in Peoria, IL.

Isabel Easley Northcutt '57, is retired after 30 years as a Family Therapist, Master Social Worker. She has recently enjoyed trips to Alaska and mid-South America.

Virginia Marshall Ramsey '57, is retired from the Cobb County School System in GA. She is now practicing her art work and entering art shows. She is secretary of the Cobb/Marietta Retired Teachers Association and of Delta Kappa Gamma.

Robert E. Baker '58, has accepted a position as Director of Music/Associate Organist at First Presbyterian Church in Brunswick, GA.

Jay W. Bollman '58, retired from Wesley Homes in Seattle, WA, in January 2001. He had been a social worker there for 14 years.

Mary Walker Huxtable '58, is still enjoying retirement and "lots of traveling to exotic places!" She is still a Medicare counselor and involved in Sun City-Summerlin (Las Vegas) activities. She and her husband have a third granddaughter, born in March 2000.

Gerald R. Platz '58, has served five churches in New Jersey and New York since beginning specialized interim ministry in 1992.

Jon D. Shafer '58, is retired, and he and his wife are realizing their long-time goal of traveling. They have taken trips to China, Turkey, Europe, Spain, Africa, Canada and numerous places in the US.

Donald Vandenberg '58, and **Erma Pinkston Vandenberg '58**, have moved back to the United States from Australia and will be purchasing a home in Eufaula, AL.

Dorothy Hembree Schubert '59, and her husband have moved from New Jersey to Lenoir City, TN. She is Director of Christian Education at the Loudon Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

The Rev. Bob Smith '59, is pastor of State Street Presbyterian Church in Schenectady, NY, and Christ Church of the Hills in Duaneburg. He is involved in community organizing and with Vale Village, proposed for the neighborhood of State Street church. An article

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about his work appeared in the "Times Union" of Albany, NY in Nov. 2000.

Rufus Bowers '60, is serving as Honorary Mayor of Fallbrook, CA, for one year. His term ends in Oct. 2001.

Robert G. Davies '60, has retired after 29 years of teaching and coaching at Woodberry Forest School. Upon retirement he was awarded a distinguished service award by the school. He and his wife, **Bobbye Carson Davies '58**, will be living in Orange, VA and invite MC friends and classmates to visit.

Richard Gossweiler '63, visited **John Vordonis '63**, at his home in Glyfada, Greece in May 2000. They enjoyed remembering their days at MC and recalling their classmates.

Ron Wolf '63, is retiring as executive vice president/general manager of the Green Bay Packers on June 1, 2001. He joined the Packers in 1991.

Chris Carlisle '64, had surgery for prostate cancer in the summer of 2000. He reminds all men age fifty and over to have the annual test. The day following his surgery, his fifth grandchild was born. Chris returned to Haiti for his 9th mission trip in April 2001.

Janet Dearopp '64, was one of the 60 women honored by being "women who made a difference" during the first 50 years of the LPGA. She attended Celebrating Women in Golf: An LPGA 50th Anniversary Event, held at World Golf Village in St. Augustine, FL. At the kick-off dinner of the 3 1/2 day event, each of the 60 women was given a brick dedicated in her name in the World Golf Village Walk of Champions. Dearopp is a Master Life Professional of the LPGA.

Dr. Harold Cones '65, was selected by the Virginia State Council of Higher Education as a Virginia Outstanding Professor of the Year. The award carried a trophy and a \$5,000 prize. He is a professor at Christopher Newport University. His latest book, coauthored with John Bryant of Oklahoma State University, was recently released by the Naval Institute Press. Titled "Dangerous Crossings, The First Modern Polar Expedition, 1925," it was written chiefly from previously unpublished participant log books.

Kay Barbour Main '65, is teacher/director at Sunflower Montessori Preschool in Anchorage, AK. She has authored and illustrated her first published book, "Baby Animals of the North," for preschoolers.

Gary Dutton '66, has been appointed department chair for Education Administration and Supervision in the Graduate School of Education at Lincoln Memorial University. The department currently has approximately 450 students.

Richard Reed '66, was recently given the Teaching Excellence Recognition Award at Indiana University for

his work in the graduate school of Counseling Psychology.

Judith Hannah Bright '67, retired at the end of May, 1999. She and **Russell J. Bright '68**, have their first granddaughter, Delaney Corinne, born June 1, 2000, to their son Paul.

Marilyn Caldwell Cotton '67, retired on Apr. 28, 2000, after 27 years of service with Munich American Reassurance Company. She and her husband are looking forward to travelling and working on the 7.5 acres of property they bought in Palmetto, GA.

Joyce Pigge '67, participated in the Oxford Roundtable, held at Somerville College, Oxford University, Oxford, England, July 20-24, 2000. The focus of the Roundtable was on Higher Education Law. After the conference, Joyce spent five days in London, with a day trip to Bath, England.

Ed Smith '67, worked for 26 years in medical X-ray research for several different companies, including Dupont, Sterling and Agfa. He has now retired and has enjoyed several visits to the MC campus.

John Murray Smoot '67, has retired from the FBI and is now a financial advisor with Allmerica Investments in Tarrytown, NY.

Beverly Minear Atkinson '68, and her husband, Steve, live in Minneapolis, MN and write that they have a guestroom for visitors, but "call or email first!" Their son has graduated from college and is a software technician for PPT Vision.

Meta Robinson Braymer '68, has been named Vice President of Graduate and Professional Studies at Mary Washington College. She also serves as Dean of the Faculty at the college's James Monroe Center.

Dean E. Clark '68, was recently appointed by Illinois Governor Ryan as the business representative to the Education Funding Advisory Board. Clark is President of Graphic Chemical & Ink Company in Villa Park, IL.

Diane Hall Edwards '68, recently retired after 31 years with the Metropolitan Davidson County/Nashville Public Schools. She is now working part-time at First Presbyterian Pre-School in Murfreesboro, TN.

Bob Lucas '68, is now pastor of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Panama City, FL.

Richard R. Stevenson '68, was recently inaugurated as State Representative for the 8th District of Pennsylvania. The ceremony was attended by his daughter, **Sarah Stevenson Hatfield '97**.

David A. Taylor '68, has retired after 30 years in the juvenile justice system and is now an investment representative with Edward Jones Investments. He also farms 1400 acres in Eden, MD. His older son is a Junior at Mary Washington College. His younger son

accepted early admission to Salisbury State where he will be goalie for the lacrosse team, which won a national championship in 1999.

George V. Wood '68, and **Elizabeth Abrahamson Wood '68**, write that both of their children will graduate from college this year, one from Rutgers University, the other from Barnard College.

Joe Dawson '69, has been appointed to serve a three-year term on the Tennessee Health Facilities Commission. He is administrator of Blount Memorial Hospital in Maryville.

Chip Slaybaugh '69, and his wife note that travel has become a major interest of theirs. They have recently spent two weeks in Venice and Tuscany in Italy and took a short trip to France. They are planning to take their son, daughter and daughter-in-law to the British Isles for an extended trip. Chip is vice president of PNC Bank in Delaware.

Mary Lois Brugler '70, is a registered nurse at the VA Medical Center in Lexington, KY. She serves as Vice President for Membership for the University of KY Friends of Music. She and her husband enjoy their three grandchildren and, in her free time, she does fabric design and quilting.

Eileen Myers Zimmerman '70, has returned to teaching 8th grade English and reading at Bellevue Middle School in Bellevue, FL. Previously, she had worked for seven years in various capacities in the mental health field. She and her husband live in Ocala, FL. They have two sons and three grandchildren.

Dr. Ann Todd Abel '71, is now principal of Watauga Elementary School in Abingdon, VA. She received her doctorate in education from Virginia Tech in 2000. Her daughter is at Union Seminary/PSCE working on a Master's in Christian Education. One son is a senior at King College. The other is a senior in high school.

Alice Lewise Strohmeyer Bryan '71, will retire from the Fulton County (GA) school system at the end of this academic year. She has been teaching for 30 years.

Linda Rowe Jennings '72, is a K-12 classroom teacher in an Alutiiq Native Alaskan Village (accessible by air or water) on the Alaska Peninsula in rural Alaska. She also teaches violin, piano and guitar lessons after school hours.

Larry W. Frye '73, is now posted at the U. S. Embassy in Pretoria, South Africa, where he and his wife have served for four years.

Emily Hager Morgan '73, is chairman of the SW Florida Episcopal Diocese Third Age Committee, which addresses issues of spirituality and aging within the society and institutional church. She lives in St. Petersburg, FL.

Thomas A. Radice '74, and his wife, who is from Hawaii, bought a house that was built in 1894, in Long

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Branch, NJ. He has also finished a CD of poetry, his own and a few musicians.

Thomas Leonard-Martin '75, is now Director of Evaluation Services for Inoveon Corporation in Nashville, TN.

Charlene Reams Reinauer '75, is employed by Carlson/GMAC Real Estate in Nashua, NH. **David Reinauer '75**, is with 3-Com.

Jean D. Erhardt '76, signed copies of her new book, "She Loves Me, She Loves Me Not," at Books-a-Million in Knoxville in February 2001. She is a private investigator and author of a mystery series set in Gatlinburg, TN.

Kevin O. Heflin '76, would like to "talk" with other classmates via email. His email address is kevin_heflin@hotmail.com.

Charles J. Craven '77, has graduated from the University of Tennessee Library (Information Science) School. He is now a part-time reference assistant at the Maryville College Library.

George J. Naron '77, has been named Director of Development at New York Military Academy in New York. He has previously been Director of Admissions.

Elspeth Robertson Blakeman '78, and her husband have moved from a two-story house into a one-story home, where she writes that it is easier for her to get around. She has had surgery for a torn rotator cuff, but is "on the mend." She lives in San Antonio.

Gary A. Elrod '78, has retired from Naval Reserve and is now attending Athens State University.

Grace Riley Price '78, opened Price Counseling Center on Feb. 1, 00, in Canton, GA. Her web page (www.gracerileyprice.com) features Grace's workbook "A Woman's Journey." She and her husband have two children, ages 12 and 7.

Cheryl Thompson Waite '78, is now working at CIGNA Healthcare as a Senior Procedures Analyst. She and her husband have three children, one attending the University of North Texas, one a junior in high school and one in third grade.

Phillip B. Loyd '79, received the M. Ed. degree in Instructional Technology in August 2000. He is currently working extended active duty in Seoul, Korea with the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee.

Alvin Nance '79, was recently named president and chief executive officer of Knoxville Community Development Corporation. He was previously vice president of community relations for SunTrust Bank.

Keith Williams '79, and his family live in Melbourne, FL, where he serves as chairman of Faith Fellowship Church. He also coaches youth football in Greater

West Melbourne Youth Football program. He received his law degree from the University of Florida and is in private practice in Melbourne.

Stephen Danna '80, now works as a curriculum coordinator for the Glens Falls City School District in Upstate New York.

Peter M. Gardzina '80, has received his Master's Degree in Public Administration from Northern Michigan University. He is Associate Professor of Aerospace Studies with the US Air Force. His wife is a registered dietitian.

Maggie Chesnut '81, received her master's degree as a family nurse practitioner from Emory University. She is employed by St. Joseph's Mercy Care Services in Atlanta, providing primary care to homeless and Hispanic patients.

Cathy Angell '82, was recently recognized by the Governor of Washington for an award-winning national curriculum addressing non-point source pollution. She is Project Specialist with the Dept. of Ecology.

Doug Berry '82, has joined Hodge Engineering Co. of Knoxville as senior vice president of business development. He will be working with officials in Cocke County, TN to attract tenants for an industrial development in the county.

Janet Helwig Fortney '82, and her family moved to New Jersey in August 2000. They live on the campus of The Lawrenceville School, where she is a faculty member in the math department.

Angela Murphy-Walters '82, notes that 2000 was a busy year. She had successful cancer surgery, moved back to Virginia, took a new job and had an article published in "School Library Journal." She is now Subject Cataloger-Children's Literature with the Library of Congress. She and her husband live in Alexandria where he designs and constructs sets for a nearby theater.

John M. Sanders '82, is now the Business Director of TriHealth Graduate Medical Education in addition to being Director of TriHealth Perinatal Services at Good Samaritan Hospital in Cincinnati.

Tom F. Hudson '83, has been Advertising Account Representative with BellSouth Advertising & Publishing Corporation in Columbia, SC, since 1995. He was recently named as a Job Steward by Communications Workers of America Local #3706. He and his wife, Jane, live in Irmo, SC, and have four children between them.

Bill Muller '83, has been awarded listing in "Who's Who of Professionals" as of November 2000.

Amy Nicholson Figgs '84, is now working at Snow Hill High School in Worcester County, MD, as Sign Language Educational Interpreter.

Brian K. Gunter '85, is Director of Consumer Affairs for the Wake County (NC) Department of Human Services. He lives with his long-time girlfriend in a house on ten acres on the banks of the Neuse River in Raleigh. The house was damaged by flood waters in 1996 and 1999, but has been rebuilt and remodeled.

Michael C. Kennedy '85, has been promoted to Chief Petty Officer in the United States Navy. The advancement ceremony took place on Sept. 15, 2000. Kennedy writes that he is also officially engaged to be married.

Mary Padgett Eckwall '86, has been promoted to the position of assistant night manager with the Quick Trip Service Center in Duluth, GA. This summer she will take a leave of absence to spend with her daughters, ages 10, 6, 4 and three-year-old twins.

Mark Womack '86, has been promoted to the position of Program Manager and Director of Clinical Operations for Sunshine Behavioral Health Services, a private psychiatric clinic in Decatur, GA. He has been a psychotherapist for the past 10 years.

Steve Katz '87, has been named head varsity football coach at Winter Springs (FL) High School.

John Wesley Wright '87, won the first-place gold medal at the American Traditions national vocal competition in Savannah, GA in March 2000. He also became the first American to sing for the royal family of Belgium during a holiday concert held at the Royal Palace in Brussels. He met King Albert and Queen Paola on Dec. 21, 2000.

Wendi Katzman Ely '88, and her family have built a new home in Eldersburg, MD. She continues interpreting and scheduling interpreters for Montgomery Co. Public Schools.

Andy Walker '88, has completed work for his master's degree and is now working on the EDS. **Melodie Sedgwick Walker '88**, is working on her master's degree. Both teach in Blount Co., TN. They have two daughters, ages 4 and 2.

Lars Farmer '89, now lives in Wichita, KS, after ten years in the Navy (Desert Shield/Storm, Bosnia in 1993; Kosovo in 1998). He has taken a job in Cessna Aircraft's experimental department and is working on his Master's degree as a manufacturing engineer.

Tracy Armstrong Fauchette '89, recently became a limited partner with Edward Jones Investments. She and her family live in Rutherfordton, NC.

Jeff Reichert '89, and his family live in Acworth, GA. He has received his MBA in Finance and is Senior Manager of Strategic Planning & Internal Systems for MCI WorldCom, Inc.

K. C. Cross '90, and **Melissa Combest Cross '91**, have four daughters and live in Davie, FL. K. C. is the

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Chief Executive Officer of Epworth Village Retirement, Inc., a retirement corporation headquartered in Miami.

Jacquelyn Athan Bailey '91, and her husband both teach at Fulton High School in Knoxville.

Karin M. Rhodes '91, has moved back to Maryland from Houston, TX, to attend the University of Maryland's art history program. She is taking the required courses in order to attend graduate school in that field.

John Worth '92, is a strategic copywriter for Broadchoice, Inc., a full-service interactive agency in San Mateo, CA. He and his family live in Berkeley, CA, where his wife is a Ph. D. student.

Ted Belflower '93, is now teaching physical science at Macon County High School in Montezuma, GA. He is also the assistant football coach and head boys' track coach.

Jessica Roitman de Kok '93, is a research associate with Forrester Research European HQs. in Amsterdam. She and her husband recently bought a condo in Amsterdam.

Julie Dingels '93, is now a territory manager for Frito Lay. She works out of her home in Maryville.

Douglas A. Justice '93, is teaching and coaching football at Sequoyah High School in Monroe County, TN.

John Tanner '93, recently joined the Securities Litigation Practice Group of Alston & Bird, LLP in the Atlanta office.

Eric D. Booth '94, is currently working on completing his MBA in International Business from the University of Kansas at the Consortium International University campus in Asolo, Italy. He expects to complete the program in June 2001.

Julie Walker Danielson '94, is currently pursuing a Master's degree in Library and Information Science at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville.

April Millsaps Gonzalez '94, completed her Master of Education degree at Ohio University, Athens, OH, in June 2000. She is now employed in the Career Services Office at Philadelphia University.

Bradley S. Thomas '95, recently accepted a position as senior sales consultant with Marc Taylor Design in Knoxville.

Jennifer Wells '95, is Vice President of Sales with VideoLink in Denver, CO.

Rachel Elizabeth Winter '95, was ordained to the ministry on Dec. 17, 2000, at Second Presbyterian Church in Birmingham, AL.

Kelli Jackson Graham '96, is a flight attendant with Delta Air Lines. She and her husband currently live in Atlanta. He was recently hired by ASM, a semiconduc-

tor firm, as a field process engineer. They will be moving to Portland, OR.

Rachelle Wells Grigor '96, graduated from the Georgia School of Professional Psychology in Oct. 2000, with a master's degree in psychology and a specialization in professional counseling. She is now a psychometrist at Inner Harbour Hospital in Marietta, GA.

Douglas Parris '96, is the financial manager of MCJ Solutions, a technical training company in Durham, NC. He and **Jennifer LaForest '96**, are engaged to be married in June 2001.

Russell E. Perry '96, is Head of Products and Services-DATA, with ONE in Vienna, Austria. ONE is a two-year-old nationwide GSM 1800 mobile operator and ISP with over 1 million subscribers in Austria. Russell also teaches a course on e/mCommerce at the Austrian Executive Management Academy.

Sarah West Davis '97, has passed the Tennessee Bar Exam and is now an assistant district attorney in Tennessee.

Chee Hill '97, has decided to "settle down" after working for a year and a half as a wildland firefighter for the National Park Service. She is now in technical sales for Ben Meadows Company and writes that "I now live a stress-free life in a new house in Northwest Georgia, but I still dream of western forest fires."

Douglas R. Mathews '97, and his wife recently moved to 42 acres in Roane County, TN, and "started living in the country." He writes that they have two horses, a goat and three dogs so far. He is an investment representative with Edward Jones.

Kerry L. O'Keeffe '97, received a BS in Nursing from University of Tennessee-Knoxville in 1999, and is a registered nurse in the Intensive Care Nursery at UT Medical Center.

LeAndra Barriage '98, is attending the University of Tennessee and will receive her Master's degree in education in August. She is also interning at Farragut High School in Knoxville, where she teaches 9th and 10th grade Biology and Physical Science.

Daniel Bechman '98, is in his final semester of the MBA program at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville. Following his graduation, he

and his family will be moving to Nashville.

Funmi Eke '98, has graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Master's degree in Music for Arts Administration. She is working with the School Arts Program and Fulton County (GA) to develop programs that will infuse arts into the classroom. She will pursue doctoral studies in the fall of 2001.

David Franklin '98, and **Yvette Prinsloo Franklin '98**, live in Brooklyn, OH. He is a student at Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine. Yvette is a 6th grade teacher in Parma, OH.

Jim Lummus '98, now lives in Atlanta, where he works in sales for Centex Home Team Services.

Kimberly Whitaker Miller '98, is Vice President of the South Carolina Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf. She is staff interpreter for Richland County (SC) School District One.

Amy Caroline Snider '98, is a wildlife officer with the Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency. She was hired in August 2000.

Richard Taeuber '98, began working in tech support with NOVA Information Systems in August, 2000. He married Karin Rosenvinge in 1999, and they will be moving to Maryville.

Richelle Sissom Turner '98, and her husband live in Falmouth, KY. She teaches 4th grade at Gallatin County Upper Elementary School in Warsaw, KY.

Lee A. Clevenger '99, is a pharmaceutical sales con-



Dorothy Horn, Former Music Prof, Dies at 94

Dr. Dorothy Horn, associate professor of music at Maryville College from 1936 to 1954, died Feb. 18 in Maryville. She was 94.

Horn first came to Maryville College in 1936 to join the faculty of the newly created Fine Arts Division. A native of Independence, Mo., she was a graduate of the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, N.Y., where she received her doctorate in music theory and was a teaching fellow. She held bachelor's degrees in piano and violin, and a master's in music from the American Conservatory.

During her tenure at Maryville and throughout her teaching career, Horn was considered to have been among the best music theory teachers in the country. She retired from Butler University in Indianapolis.

For nine years, Horn served on the Citizens Advisory Committee of the Department of Human Services and belonged to the American Association of University of Women. She was a member of the Maryville-Alcoa Music Club, the League of Women Voters and New Providence Presbyterian Church in Maryville.

sultant with Professional Detailing Inc. He writes that he loves having a family and "my kids teach me something new each day." He and his wife, Natalie, have two children, Alex, born July 10, 1998; and Olivia, born June 22, 2000.

Carleton P. Ketcham III '99, is a second year law student at the University of Alabama.

Brian O'Connor '99, has received his Master's in Chemistry from the University of California-Riverside and is now supervising the Quality Control Chemistry lab of Alpha Therapeutics. The biologics company, located in Los Angeles, manufactures products derived from human plasma to aid patients such as hemophiliacs.

Sherry D. Oden '99, is working on her Ph.D. at Wake Forest University.

Joel S. Shields '99, has recently been appointed Graduate Assistant to the Music History department at the University of South Carolina. He also works and teaches at The Classical Guitar Studio in Columbia.

Brooklyn White '99, was recently promoted to the position of Marketing Coordinator of Baptist Health Centers, Inc., the largest network of primary care physicians in Alabama. She moved to Birmingham in August, 2000, when she accepted a position with BHC.

Christopher T. Moore '00, has moved to Ely, MN, where he is instructor, naturalist and wilderness trip leader at YMCA Camp Widjiwagan. He writes that he is exploring graduate school options.

Melissa Marie Walker '00, was recently promoted to the position of Human Resources Coordinator at Intex Supply Co. in Alcoa.

IN MEMORIAM

Mildred Belder '28, on Nov. 19, 2000, in Milwaukee, WI. She had gone into nurse's training after two years at MC. The College was notified of her death by her sister, Ellen Perkins of Alamo, TX.

Barbara Lyle McCann Heisey '32, on Dec. 19, 2000, in Lancaster, PA. She was a school nurse for 22 years for the School District of Lancaster, retiring in 1973. Survivors include two sons and their wives, three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Marjorie Gould Welch '32, on Feb. 11, 2001, in St. Petersburg, FL. Survivors include two daughters, four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

John T. Burns '33, on Nov. 4, 2000, in Medford, OR. He had been a Presbyterian minister, high school coach and teacher and retired from Medply. Survivors include three sons and a daughter and their families; sister, **Inez Burns '29**; and brother, **Herbert Burns '34**.

Mary M. Cornwell '33, on Jan. 8, 2001, in North Carolina. She taught in Tennessee and North Carolina



Dr. Charles DeSanto Dies at Age 75

Dr. Charles P. DeSanto, who taught in the Maryville College Department of Bible, Religion and Philosophy for two years in the early 1960s, passed away August 8, 2000, in Fort Wayne, Ind., following a stroke. He was 75 at the time of his death and was retired from LockHaven University in LockHaven, Penn., where he had taught for 20 years.

DeSanto earned a bachelor's degree from Temple University in 1949. In 1952, he received a master's of divinity from Louisville Presbyterian

and later became a home demonstration agent. She retired as Home Demonstration Agent in Haywood County, NC in 1976. She was a trustee of Haywood Technical Community College and The Village of Yesteryear at the NC State Fair was organized under her direction in 1951. She had received many local and national awards and honors. She is survived by a cousin.

Phoebe Underwood Kinnick '34, on Aug. 13, 2000, in Plano, TX. She was buried in Jefferson City, TN, but had lived in Texas near her daughter for almost five years. She is survived by her husband of 59 years, Roy Kinnick, one daughter and two grandchildren.

Edna Haas Desnoyer '35, on Aug. 10, 2000, in Schenectady, NY. She had taught kindergarten there for many years and later taught in the local literacy program. Survivors include a nephew, John E. Seymour, who notified the College of her death.

Lurline McFarland Burns '36, on Dec. 2, 2000, in Maryville. She taught many years in the Alcoa School System. Survivors include her husband of 66 years, **Herbert Burns '34**; and two sons and their families.

Rev. Walter K. Maude '37, on Feb. 18, 2001. He was a resident of Lake City (TN) Health Care Center and was a retired minister. Survivors include his wife, **Frances Perrin Maude '38**.

Mary Frances Dunlap Shields '37, on Dec. 28, 2000, in Maryville. She was a retired City of Maryville school teacher. Survivors include her husband, **Stanley "Skeeter" Shields '37**, former Maryville mayor; daughter, Karen Lee Shields; son, Steve Shields and his family.

Lucie Katherine Montgomery Slawson '37, on Nov. 7, 2000, in San Antonio, TX, following a brief illness.

Seminary and was ordained to the Presbyterian Ministry that same year. He received a doctoral degree in biblical and philosophical studies from Duke University in 1957. He also earned a master's degree in sociology from Ball State University.

In addition to MC, DeSanto also taught at Wheaton College and at Huntington College in Indiana. From 1975 to 1985, he served as the Chairman of the Department Sociology/Anthropology and Social Work at LockHaven University.

The author of five books, DeSanto is survived by his wife, Norma, their four children and several grandchildren.

She was the widow of **Lt. Col. Merritt O. Slawson '35**. Survivors include a son, daughter and their families.

Grace Hitch Speer Wood '37, on Jan. 31, 2001, in Sevierville, TN. She was a member of the prominent John S. Hitch family of Blount Co. She had worked at Alcoa and retired from the University of Tennessee as secretary for the Animal Science Department. Survivors include a daughter, son, stepdaughter and stepson, four grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

Glenn C. Evers '38, in November 2000. He was a retired high school principal and lived in Lithia, FL. The College was notified of his death by his wife.

Janet Talmage Keller '38, on Nov. 14, 2000. She and her late husband were medical missionaries in Korea. In 1977 she was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis and retired to Black Mountain, NC. In 1980, she moved to a retirement community in Hendersonville, NC, and lived there for the remainder of her life. Survivors include her son and grandchildren; brothers, **John Talmage '34**, **William Talmage '35**, **Roy Talmage '38**, and David Talmage; and a sister, Mariella Provost.

Jane Brunson Oakes '40, on Nov. 22, 2000. She lived in Ellenboro, NC. Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, who notified the College of her death.

Earl Allen Tweed '40, on Feb. 25, 2001, in Oak Ridge, He was retired from Union Carbide. Survivors include his wife, Glendora Johnson Tweed, several grandchildren, nieces and nephews, two sisters, and special MC friend Ned Sams '41.

Eldon L. Seamans '41, on Dec. 18, 2000. He lived in Norman, OK, and was retired from the faculty of Cameron University. The College was notified of his death by his daughter.

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Rev. John H. Thompson, Jr. '41, on Dec. 3, 2000, in Orlando, FL. He had an active ministry for 50 years and served churches in Pennsylvania, and Florida. Survivors include his wife, Charlotte Sherrod Thompson '50; a son and daughter and their families.

Christine Fritz Trinter '42, in December, 2000, at her home in New Jersey of cancer. The College was notified of her death by **Edythe Mae Persing** '42.

Dr. Glenn LeRoy Winkle '43, on Nov. 19, 2000, in Cincinnati, OH. He practiced medicine for 38 years, retiring in 1989. Following retirement he enjoyed travelling with his wife, oil painting and spending time with his grandchildren. Survivors include his wife of 53 years; a daughter; two sons, one of whom is **Mark Winkle** '77; and five grandchildren.

Walter Davis Proffitt '46, on Nov. 10, 2000. He lived in Alcoa, TN, and was retired after 28 years as a manager of the feeds division of Tennessee Farmers Cooperative. He served in the armed forces during World War II. Survivors include his wife, **Bobilee Knabb Proffitt** '44; daughters, Kathleen Proffitt and **Ginger Proffitt Futch** '71; sister, **Charlotte Proffitt Paxton** '47; and several nieces and nephews.

Charles H. Hildreth '47, on Feb. 13, 1998, in Ocala,

FL. He taught at several colleges prior to entering government service. He was a retired Air Force Historian. Survivors include his wife, **Carol Hall Hildreth** '49, a daughter and a son. The College was notified of his death by MC friend, **John R. Moore** '47.

Marjorie Pritchett Hatfield '48, on Jan. 30, 2001, in Tulsa, OK. She was a retired teacher. Survivors include two sisters, **Margaret Pritchett Longmire** '49 and **Laura Pritchett Rogers** '52; and a great-niece, **Laura McMahon** '00.

Rebecca Maddux Robertson '48, on Jan. 29, 2001, in Birmingham, AL. She was a retired school teacher and active in her church. She is survived by her husband, Jim, a daughter, a son, two sisters and a brother.

Marjorie McCaleb Sapp Thomas '48, on Oct. 27, 2000. She was a retired teacher. The College was notified of her death by her son, Samuel Sapp, of Macon, GA.

Eleanor Hawley Hoover '49, on Nov. 16, 2000, in Arvada, CO. Survivors include her husband, Donald G. Hoover, who notified the College of her death.

Lt. Col. Ivan Vincent Chambers '50, on Nov. 7, 2000 in Maryville. He was retired from the Tennessee Army National Guard and from Alcoa. Survivors include two

sons, two daughters and their families, and three sisters.

Fred A. Morton '51, on Dec. 17, 2000, in Maryville. An educator in Blount County for 42 years, he had been teacher, principal, supervisor and superintendent. He was superintendent of Blount Co. Schools from 1982 to 1986. Survivors include his wife, Aileen Owenby Flynn Morton; brothers, Bob Morton and **John Morton** '53; sister, **Wilma Morton** '57; and several step-children and their families.

Ralph Graf Thiesse '52, on Jan. 16, 2001, in Fayetteville, AR. He was President of the MC Class of 1952. He had served Presbyterian churches in Texas and Arkansas since his ordination in 1955, and was treasurer of the Presbytery of Arkansas for the past 35 years. **Ken Upham** '52, and **Joy Hickman Upham** '53, attended the memorial service on Jan. 23, 2001, in Fayetteville. Survivors include his wife and two sons.

Charles LaRue Pierpont '53, on Dec. 1, 2000, in Uvalde, TX. He was retired from the faculty of Southwest Texas Junior College and had been in ill health for some time. The College was notified of his death by the executor of his estate.

Carolyn Beatty Howard '54, on Apr. 17, 2000, from pancreatic cancer. She was predeceased by her husband, **Gregory Howard** '51, who was killed in a plane crash in 1996. Survivors include a daughter, Melva Zanella, who notified her mother's MC roommate, **Naomi Burgos Lynn** '54, of her death.

Elizabeth S. Hoaster '56, on Jan. 26, 2001, of cancer, in Toronto, where she had lived for many years. Survivors include her daughter, Heather Walsh; son, Brian Walsh, and two sisters. The College was informed of her death by her MC roommate, **Janet Whitmore Thompson** '56, and Janet's husband, **Joe Gilliland** '55.

Ruth Keene Lancaster '57, on Jan. 19, 2001, at her Maryville home. She was retired from the Knox County School System. Survivors include two daughters and their families.

Robert J. Berg '70, on Dec. 11, 2000. The College was notified of his death by **Rick Ziegler** '70.

Dr. William S. Morrison '78, on Dec. 26, 1999. He had been employed at Cochise College in Sierra Vista, AZ. The College was notified of his death by his mother.

Carrie Hendricks Wallace '80, on Oct. 21, 2000, following a two-year battle with colon cancer. She lived in Oakboro, NC, and was a member of Locust Presbyterian Church. Survivors include her husband, David, and children, William, 6, Rachel, 4, and John, 2.

Scott F. Cinnamon '87, on Jan. 1, 2001, in Granville, NC, where he taught at South Granville High School and was assistant football coach. He previously taught at West High School in Knoxville. Survivors include his parents, grandmother and his sister and her family.

Maryville College Family Loses One of Its Own

In February, Maryville College lost a member of its campus family with the death of Sherry Murrell, who had served as admissions record coordinator since July 1995. In addition to her role in the Office of Admissions, she was pursuing a degree in business by taking classes as a part-time student.

For seven years prior to joining the MC staff, Murrell had worked at Braun and Associates Appraisal Company.

A native of Maryville, Murrell was married to John Murrell. In addition to her husband, she is survived by her sons Garrett, 7, and Landon, 19 months. Daughter Laney passed away shortly after her birth in 1998.

At the time of Laney's death, Maryville College staff members planted a weeping cherry tree on campus in her memory. This spring, for the first time, the tree is full of pink blooms, a beautiful and fitting tribute to

Murrell's life, noted long-time friend Cheryl Frow, who worked with her in the Office of Admissions.

In a memorial service held on campus, friends, family and colleagues gathered to pay tribute.

Without exception, the many speakers recalled Murrell's kindness, her friendship, her serenity and her great sense of hope and positive outlook even in times of great sorrow.

"Sherry was one of those thoughtful, kind friends that you are so glad to have just one of in your life. She was extremely well loved by her coworkers, family and friends," Frow said. "She loved her family so very much. We talked about that every day and about our dreams for the future."

"She so looked forward to finishing her degree and to the day her sons would graduate from Maryville College, too."



CLASS NOTES

MARRIAGES

Cecil O. Eanes '43, to Edith Sutphin, Jan. 7, 2001.

Jacquelyn Athan '71, to Gregory Lee Bailey, Feb. 14, 2000.

Jessica Roitman '93, to Maarten de Kok, Oct. 7, 2000.

Karen Elizabeth Beaty '94, to Mark Eldridge, Dec. 16, 2000.

Sarah Elizabeth Smith '95, to Christopher F. Thompson, Aug. 5, 2000.

Kelli Jackson '96, to Simon Graham, Sept. 30, 2000.

Deborah Shewfelt '96, to Robert Halcrow, Nov. 20, 1999.

David Franklin '98, to Yvette Prinsloo '98, July 15, 2000.

Douglas Stewart Perry '98, to Rachel D. Lankford, July 22, 2000.

Richelle Sissom '98, to Steve Turner, Nov. 4, 2000.

Jeanna Beck '99, to **J. Ryan Stewart '99**, Jan. 8, 2001, in Jamaica.

Gwen Keyser '99, to Adam Adkisson, Aug. 19, 2000.

Jason Keith Reagan '99, to Valerie Elaine Kozel, Oct. 18, 2000.

Jennifer A. Windrow '99, to Michael Forehand, Jr., June 3, 2000.

Casey L. Anderson '00, to **Andy Bartow '00**, July 1, 2000.

Todd Edwin Davis '00, to **Whitney Ann Potter**, Dec. 16, 2000.

Jodi Lloyd '00, to **Alan Archbold '00**, Oct. 7, 2000.

Courtney Marie Lowe '00, to **Matthew Niles Whitehead**, Dec. 16, 2000.

Natasha Smith '00, to **Bartley McMurray**, Aug. 5, 2000.



Ashton Elizabeth Wiggins is the daughter of **Charlie '92** and **Tracy Wiggins**. Born on December 1, 2000, she is the spitting image of her dad, and is sure to be the next great quarterback at MC!

Tina Walker Hackney '94, and **Keith Hackney '94**, a son, **Trey Palmer**, Dec. 18, 2000.

Jason K. Reed '94, and his wife, **Dawn**, a son, **Ian Thomas**, Nov. 28, 2000, their second child.

Jennifer Hearon Wells '96, and her husband, **David**, a son, **Carson David**, June 3, 2000.

Daniel Bechman '98, and his wife, **Suzanne**, a daughter, **Anna Katherine**, Dec. 6, 2000.

Rebecca Lill Derrick '98, and **Brandon Heath Derrick '98**, a daughter, **Riley Cate**, Nov. 22, 2000.

Wendi Katzman Ely '99, and her husband, **Ted**, a daughter, **Kati**, May 1999, their second child.

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Karen Beaty '94 and **Mark Eldridge** were married Dec. 16 in the Center for Campus Ministry. Karen's sister, **Ann Beaty Damron '91**, was a matron of honor, and **Jerry Sullivan II '99** provided musical accompaniment.

Charles E. Wiggins '92, and his wife, **Tracy**, a daughter, **Ashton Elizabeth**, on Dec. 1, 2000.

John Worth '92, and his wife, **Hanako**, a son, **Joe**, Nov. 28, 1999.

Sara Townsend Luchuk '93, and her husband, **Alan**, twin sons, **Patrick James** and **Nicholas Peter**, Sept. 19, 2000, their second and third children.



Jenny West
Director of Volunteer Services

My own Maryville College service experiences began with my enrollment in the first class of Bonner Scholars in 1991, and those experiences have continued into my professional life as the Director of Volunteer Services. As I reflect on the changes that have come to our campus since 1993, I am deeply moved by the progress that has been made.

In 1993, there were only two classes of Bonner Scholars on the campus. There were few established partnerships with community agencies, and campus-wide volunteerism was minimal. Service programming and leadership has exploded on the campus, due in large part to the efforts of Bonner Scholars and their dedication to service.

The Student Literacy Corps began in 1994 as a small group of students committed to improving the lives of others by means of empowerment through education. Today it has become a model program for student autonomy and leadership, and Maryville students regularly tutor in local service organizations, jails and at-risk family programs.

The Student Literacy Corps helped form a strong foundation for creating the Bradford Scholars Program, which is named for MC friend Lib Bradford. Fifteen Bradford Scholars work each year as adult literacy education teachers in local service agencies. Many of our students participate in

MC Families, a literacy program that helps young mothers attain a GED and learn parenting skills and assists children in their physical, educational and emotional development.

In 1993, the words "Alternative Break" were unknown on the campus. Today, Alternative Fall Break, Spring Break, Alternative Weekends, and MOOSE (Maryville Outdoor Outreach Service Experience) are hallmarks of the College's volunteer service programs. During these trips, students travel to various destinations to meet needs that range from repairing homes to befriending the homeless; from providing after-school programs for inner city children to volunteering at state and national parks.

In 1997, students formed a campus chapter of Habitat for Humanity, and in December 2000, the College witnessed the culmination of that leadership at the dedication ceremony of the first Maryville College home.

Students and faculty members are also connecting academics and service; they are integrating learning into meaningful projects, studies and papers. Last fall, a discussion of American economics could be overheard as students sat atop a roof and pounded shingles into place on Maryville's Habitat House.

Now that the groundwork has been laid and the infrastructures are in place, we can begin to move our service ethic to the next level. We hope to transform our student body into a sweeping force for social justice in all of the communities in which they will live and work.

administrators considered overbooked halls and tight classroom scheduling as good problems to have.

The College's Office of Institutional Research reported increases in student quality as well as student numbers. Test score averages and high school GPAs of incoming freshman rose, and some faculty reported noticeable differences in the classroom.

The number of student organizations grew in number and variety, and students were given a larger voice and more responsibility in campus governance through the Student Government Association, judicial boards, steering committees and budgetary council. In early 1994, student representation on the Board of Directors was

approved, and later that year, the College's Covenant, which held students and other campus constituents to ideals of scholarship, respect and integrity, was approved by the Board. By the fall of 1996, freshmen were participating in a Covenant ceremony and asked to sign the document.

With enrollment and retention issues ever before college administrators, faculty and staff members took measures to enhance the Maryville College experience. For on-campus students, that meant refurbishment of all residence halls, but also amenities like cable television, Internet hook-ups in the rooms, a closed-circuit movie channel.

The president lamented the changing times, concerned that students rarely had reason to leave their rooms for anything other than class. He often told alumni and parents that he believed visits to the library were inherently good, but competing for students meant offering some of the same perks other institutions offered.

New student orientation became serious business. Upperclassmen took on the role of peer mentors with every Orientation class. An enrollment management team was organized in 1995, and plans were put in place to identify and help at-risk students.

An October 1999 progress report showed improvements in fall-to-fall freshmen retention and overall retention – sometimes meeting MC2000 Plan goals. But overall retention rates never made the 85 percent goal, and all retention rates starting slipping after 1997. In a summary to the strategic planning committee in August 2000, Gibson addressed retention as one of 10 remaining areas of "unfinished work" from the MC2000 Plan.

Historic strength

In the same summary to the steering committee in August of 2000, Gibson wrote: "By any measure, the MC2000 Plan has brought us to a point of historic strength." Few could argue the statement's validity. During the MC2000 period, the College became better known and respected, financially stable, larger in student numbers and physical plant and more in tune to student needs.

In closing his 1999 letter to the editor, senior Ryan Stewart wrote: "We have laughed, cried, sung, danced, learned, fought, rejoiced, loved, lost. We have dreamed and we have grown. In short, we have changed."

Of course, Stewart was speaking of his classmates. But the same words applied to thousands linked through the MC2000 period: We have dreamed and we have grown ... We have changed.

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through the formation of a National Advisory Council and Board of Church Visitors. With inaugural meetings in the fall of 1997 and May of 2000, respectively, the groups involved persons who might not have had, otherwise, a connection to the College but who could offer needed expertise, resources and connections.

Attracting students, keeping students

Full-time enrollment during the MC2000 period grew 50 percent. Meeting the MC2000 Plan goal for 1,000 students meant a campus full of activity, parking lots full of cars and residence halls full of coeds. Growing pains existed, but college

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LETTER FROM THE ALUMNI PRESIDENT

When I graduated in 1980, I focused on finding a job and moving to the next phase of my life. I wasn't aware of an *Alumni Association*...primarily due to my lack of interest and involvement. After graduation, I chose to remain in Maryville, so I maintained connections and interest in MC through athletic events.

In the late 1980s, however, I began participating in business and career services seminars, and in 1994, I joined the Maryville College Alumni Association's Executive Board.

My service on the Board coincides with the MC2000 period, so it goes without saying that my service coincides with a period of incredible change on the MC campus – the likes of which my alma mater has not seen in decades.



Tim Topham '90, MCAA President

in a *not-so-livable* Carnegie Hall from 1977 until 1980. I recall naked light bulbs strung on wire between Parsons, Thaw Hall, Anderson, Fayerweather and Sutton Science buildings.

The renovation of Carnegie in 1993 was certainly noticeable to me, and the addition of Beeson Village – adding beds for 84 additional coeds – wasn't too subtle, either.

There are now sidewalks throughout campus with nice lamp-posts lighting the way.

I have observed and enjoyed the major improvements made to the athletics facilities: from the early 1990s improvements made to the Cooper Athletic Building (dedicated in 1991 as the Boydson Baird Gymnasium), the Lloyd L. Thornton Stadium, men and women soccer fields, the women's softball field, the baseball field and dugout improvements, new tennis courts and many others.

The 1998 relationship formed with Ruby Tuesday gave the College much exposure while making a major change for our community with the renovation of Morningside Inn for use as Ruby Tuesday's private training facility.

The Center for Campus Ministry, renovated in late 1999, was the post office when I attended Maryville College. It was undergoing renovation when I heard the sirens and activity from my home as local fire departments struggled to save Fayerweather Hall from a fatal strike of lightning. Today, MC students are fortunate to have such an impressive building as Bartlett Hall, which contains the post office, the student center and book store, to name just a few of the amenities. And though I haven't toured it yet, Fayerweather looks like it will be another architectural showpiece on the campus.

Maryville College has been listed six times in the last seven years as a "top 10" Southern liberal arts college by *U.S. News and World Report* and in 1998, the college was named to the Templeton Foundation's *Honor Roll for Character-Building Colleges*.

And then there are the improvements that aren't so easily seen in a drive-thru of campus ...

One of our priorities in the Alumni Association has been to increase the interaction between alumni and students and improve the involvement of alumni in providing internships, summer/part-time jobs and employment upon graduation for Maryville College students. I believe that we still have work to do in these areas, but I think we have made great strides in the last several years.

Alumni participation in the Annual Fund has increased to 46 percent, placing us near our goal of 50 percent. More than 50 alumni and friends participate as speakers during the Freshman Orientation each fall.

Since my involvement in the Alumni Association, I have witnessed the coming together of alumni, parents and friends of Maryville College to raise in excess of \$20 million during the MC2000 Campaign ... a remarkable effort and success for the College.

All of these changes that I mention have been made possible through the generous donations and time spent by alumni and friends of the College. In combining Alumni Weekend with Homecoming each year, we have experienced enormous growth in interest and attendance in the last four years. Dr. Gibson always seems to say that spirits are never higher at Maryville College than they are at Homecoming, and from my own personal observations, I have to agree with him.

As I write my final feature for *FOCUS* as the Alumni Board President, I realize how much I have enjoyed being a part of the alumni and friends who have helped to make these changes. I feel strongly that the Alumni Board will flourish and continue to make a positive contribution to the success of Maryville College.

And one more thing: You're holding what I think is one of the most noticeable improvements at the College in the last six years – our new and greatly improved magazine-style *FOCUS*. I hope you'll keep reading!

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Five Maryville College alumni will be honored with awards during the National Alumni Association's annual meeting and banquet planned for Saturday, Oct. 20. Among those



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Karl Beard Heidelberg '38

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